



April 18, 2018

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to initiate a Tribal Consultation on the distribution of funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in fiscal year (FY) 2019. The SDPI has been funding diabetes treatment and prevention activities in Tribal, Urban Indian, and Indian Health Service (IHS) health programs since FY 1998.

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) recommended that Tribal Consultation on the distribution of SDPI funding for FY 2019 be conducted in all 12 IHS Areas. Tribal Leader input is welcome on any aspect of the SDPI, but would be especially helpful in response to the following questions:

1. Should there be any changes in the SDPI national funding distribution? If so, in what way?
Currently, the SDPI funding distribution is as follows:
 - Community-Directed grant program \$130.2 million
 - Urban Indian Health Programs \$ 8.5 million
 - SDPI Support \$ 6.1 million
 - Data Infrastructure Improvement \$ 5.2 million
2. The SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds provide important support for SDPI at the national, Area, and local levels. The funding supports diabetes data collection, validation, and analytics, as well as associated training and support systems. Should there be any changes in the SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funding allocation? If so, how could SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds be allocated to better support local grant-related data and infrastructure needs by SDPI grantees?

Please join me on a teleconference call on **Friday, May 4, 2018 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. PST**, call-in information located below.

(855) 447-5646, Conference ID: 594027

I will share information on how the Portland Area uses the SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds allocated to our Area. Additionally, you may submit written comments to consultation@ihs.gov, **this will close on May 18, 2018.**

The following link will provide additional information shared in the Acting Director of Indian Health Service April 13, 2018 Dear Tribal Letter:

[https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/includes/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/2018 Letters/DTLL SDPI 04132018.pdf](https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/includes/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/2018%20Letters/DTLL_SDPI_04132018.pdf)

Thank you for your continuing commitment to elevating the health status of the Indian communities.

Sincerely,

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