

# NPAIHB QBM IHS CHAP National Expansion

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# Portland Area CHAP Board/Certification Overview

**2010**

Indian Health Care Improvement Act opened the door for all disciplines of CHAP for Lower 48 Tribes.

**2016**

IHS initiated tribal consultation and tribes overwhelming wanted CHAP. Alaska agreed as long as their program and funding were not impacted.

**January  
2018**

IHS initiated CHAP TAG to inform IHS on the development of the National Expansion Policy.

**March  
2018**

Northsound ACH grant awarded to fund the development of the PACCB

**2019**

Review and edits of Standards & Procedures for Portland Area tribes completed by CHAP Board Advisory Workgroup.

**2020**

\$5 M for CHAP  
7/2/20 National Policy approved



## IHS Circular 20-06

Conditions to be met before the policy becomes permanent in the Indian Health Manual.

- 1) Position Descriptions
- 2) Funding

### CHAP Nationalization Policy IHS Circular Summary

Tribes and Tribal Organizations outside of Alaska may carry out a CHAP, including those that include dental health aide therapists (DHAT), by amending their ISDEAA agreements.

Excludes Urban Indian Organizations.

Creates a National Certification Board (NCB) – the function of the NCB is to outline the minimum program standards for all CHAP provider types operating outside of Alaska, is chaired by the IHS CMO, and is made up of representatives of the ACBs.

Creates Area Certification Boards (ACB) - Their membership must include at least one federal representative appointed by the respective IHS Area Director. The ACB establishes board composition in its standards and procedures to certify individuals as their respective provider types.

IHS Areas may enter into a relationship with another IHS Area that has an ACB or with the Alaska CHAPCB for the purposes of certifying its CHAP providers.

NCB determines baseline requirements and scope of practice for ALL CHAP provider types.

Existing CHAP providers can submit their out of Area certification to the new ACB for consideration and approval in order to provide services in that new Area.

DHATs must meet the federal training requirements for certification. However, DHATs may only practice as part of a CHAP program in states that authorize the use of mid-level dental providers. This requirement only applies to Tribes and Tribal Organizations seeking to include a CHAP as a PSFA in an ISDEAA contract or compact.



# Next Steps

Portland Area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB) – To stand up the PACCB the following is needed: 1) To pass a resolution at the July QBM, 2) Affirm the 12-member implementation board, 3) Work with the IHS Area Director to appoint members to the board and a federal representative and 4) Seek approval of the PACCB implementation membership by the IHS Area Director.

The PACCB shall – 1) Develop and affirm acting bylaws, 2) Review and accept the PACCB Standards and Procedures for CHAP that the CHAP Workgroup drafted, and 3) Develop Behavioral Health Academic Review Committee (BHARC) and the Dental Health Academic Review Committee (DHARC) bylaws. The BHARC and DHARC conduct an independent review of the curriculum to ensure its alignment with the current health needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.



# Next Steps (Con't)

BHA/Ps - Tribes choosing to include BHA/Ps in their clinics may include them by amending their ISDEAA. BHA's may be utilized in IHS-operated health care programs using existing OPM-approved description for mental health specialists, OPM Series 0181 Psychology Technician and/or GS 0186 Social Service Aid or other approved positions that may be established.

CHA/Ps - Tribes choosing to include CHA/Ps in their clinics may include them by amending their ISDEAA. Currently, no OPM-approved position description series exists. This means that direct service tribes may not utilize these providers. The IHS and OPM processes to create this job series could take two years. NPAIHB needs to explore reimbursement options for CHA/Ps.



# Next Steps (Con't)

DHA/Ts - Tribes choosing to include DHATs in their clinics must first determine whether the state in which the DHAT will practice has authorized the use of mid-level dental providers. Tribes may then include them by amending their ISDEAA agreements. DHATs may be utilized in IHS-operated health care programs using existing OPM-approved description for DHAT (GS-0640-09). Requirements for Dental Health Aide roles other than DHAT were not detailed in Circular No. 20-06; their specific roles and responsibilities will be specified in National CHAP Standards and Procedures and other applicable ACB requirements, this process could take two years.

Funding - HHS or IHS will initiate consultation on funding in the near future.



# Timeline

PACCB  
Implementation  
Once the  
Resolution is  
approved

## PACCB

Implementation Membership - July to October 2020  
Create Bylaws - October 2020  
Approve PACCB Standards and Procedures - November  
First PACCB approval of applications - December 2020

## IHS

Consultation with tribes on the \$5M - July to September 2020  
Appoint PACCB members - July to October 2020

## BHARC, CHARC, DHARC

Implementation Membership - October to December 2020  
Create Bylaws - December 2020