



SNS Support to Tribal Communities/ EO 14001 Tribal Access Workgroup

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Agenda

- Developing the strategy to improve access to the SNS
- Pathways for improving access for Tribal Nations and UIOs
- Informing tribal nations and UIOs of the processes for accessing the SNS
- Providing guidance and technical assistance



ASPR's mission:
Assist the country in
preparing for,
responding to,
and **recovering**
from public health
emergencies and
disasters.



ASPR Priorities



Strategic National Stockpile

- **Purpose:** Supplement and resupply state and local public health agencies in the event of an emergency
- **Mission:** Prepare and support partners and provide the right materiel at the right time to secure the nation's health



Strategic National Stockpile

- The U.S. federal government's largest repository of emergency medical countermeasures (MCMs)
- Established in 1999 as the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile
- **~\$13.5 billion** inventory of medical countermeasures (MCMs) to respond to
 - Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats
 - Burn/blast events
 - Emerging infectious diseases and pandemics
 - Natural disasters
- SNS warehouses are professionally managed by commercial third-party logistics providers
- The SNS Website: <https://aspr.hhs.gov/SNS/Pages/default.aspx>

E.O. 14001, “A Sustainable Public Health Supply Chain”

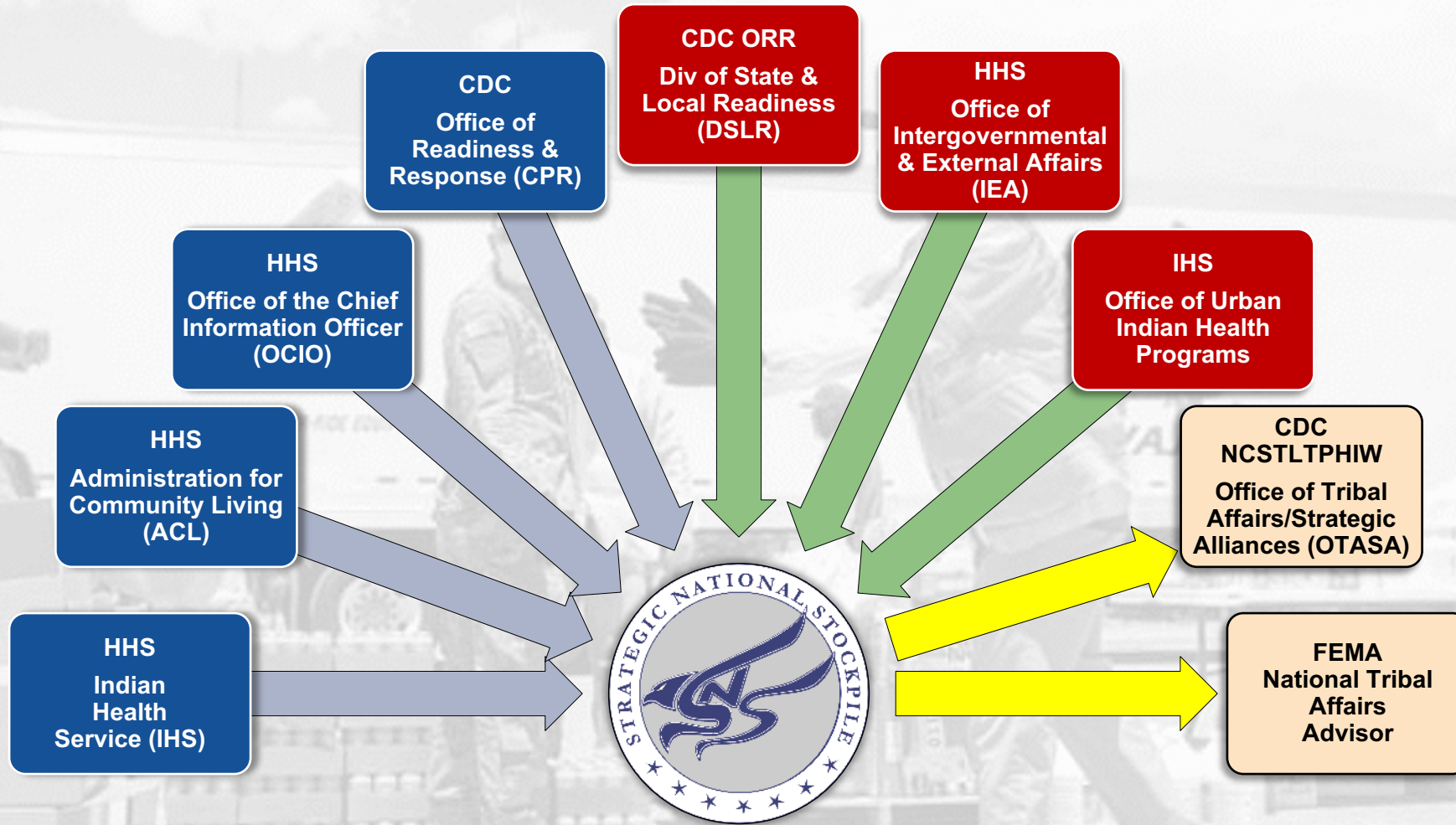
- Ensure critical medical supplies are available to public health authorities when local supplies or commercial sources are overwhelmed
- E.O.14001, section 5, “Access to Strategic National Stockpile” directed HHS to “consult with Tribal authorities . . . to facilitate access to [SNS] for federally recognized Tribal governments, Indian Health Service (IHS) health care providers, Tribal health authorities, and Urban Indian Organizations (UIO).”



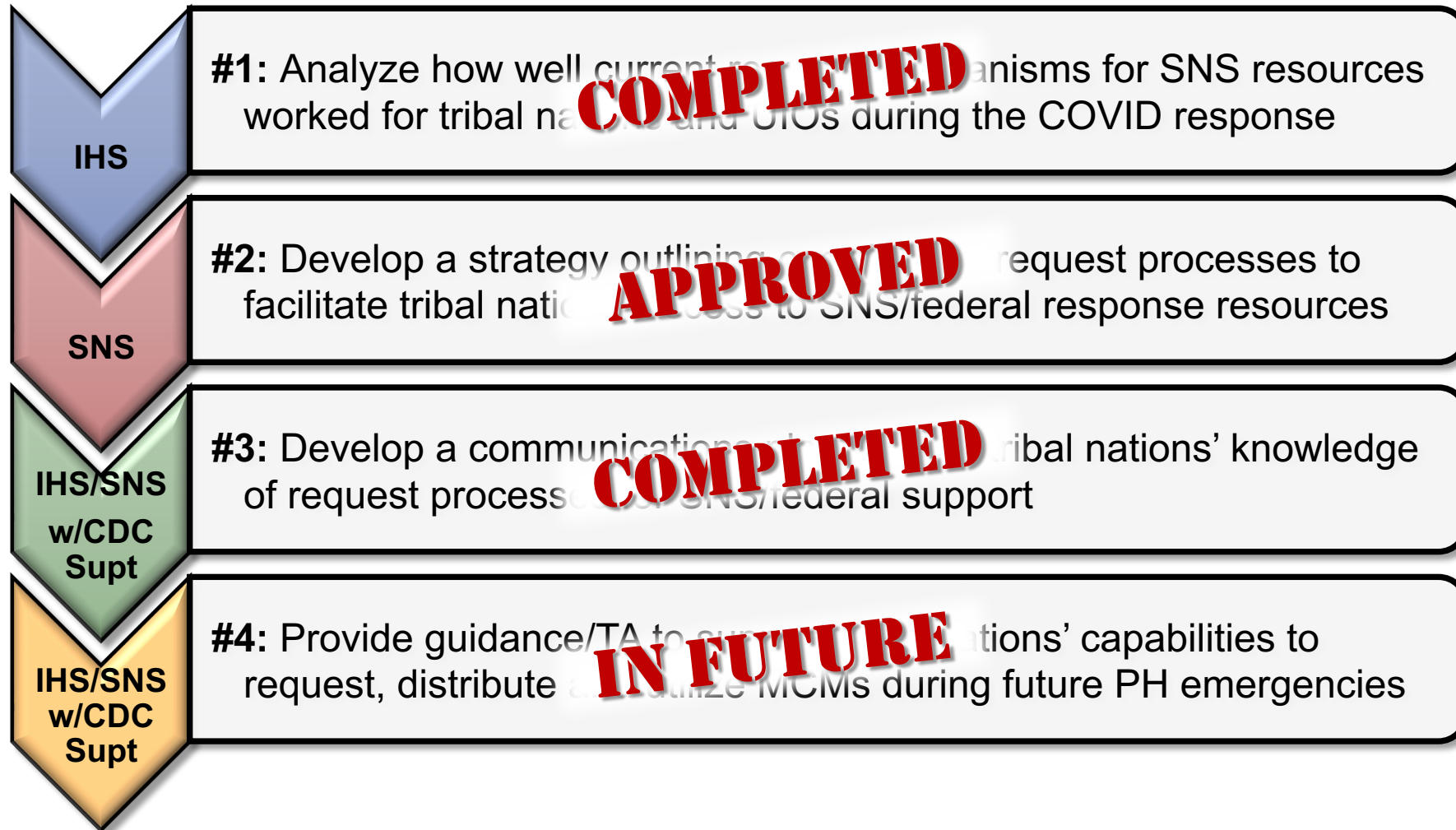
Streamline request processes for IHS, Tribal, and UIO providers to access critical SNS medical supplies



The Tribal Access Working Group



Working Group Milestones



Milestone #1 - Tribal/UIO Leader Input & Comments

Working group conducted three national listening sessions

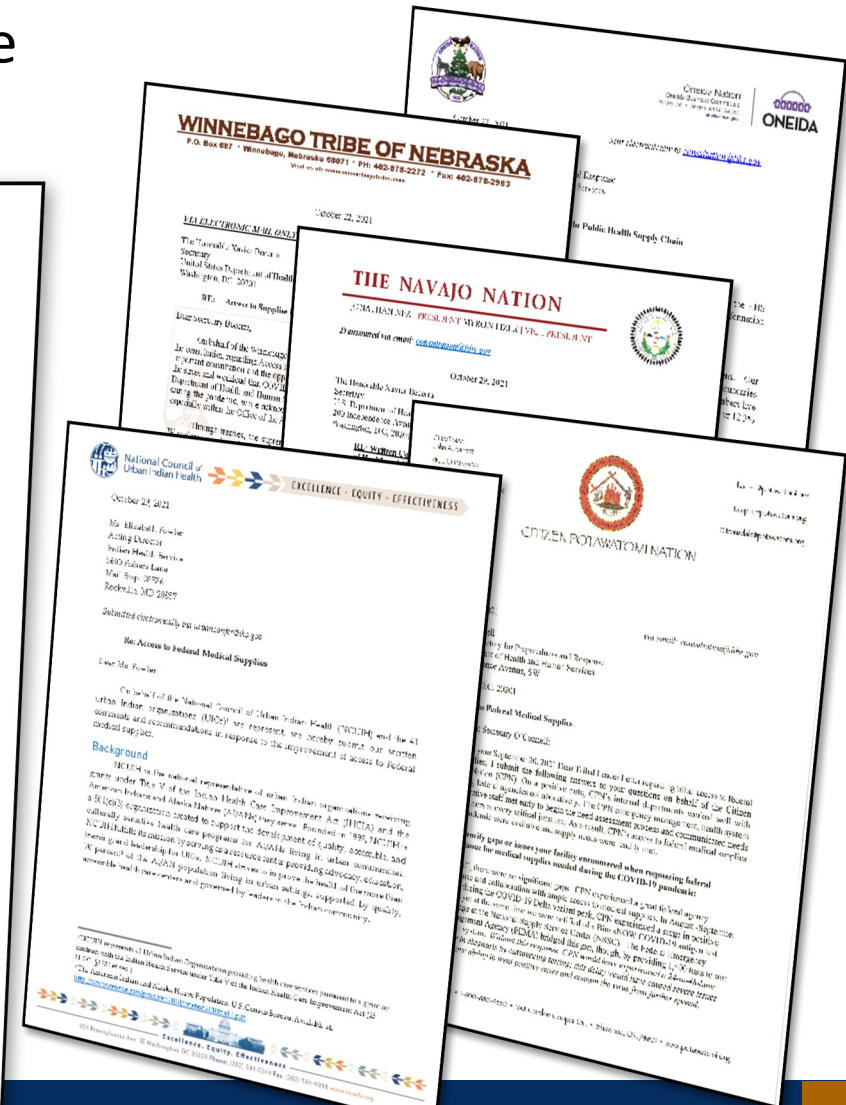
Registration List - HHS Tribal Consultations on Access to Supplies from Federal Partners

Self-Identified Tribal Leaders

First Name	Last Name	Tribe/Organization
Gerald	Moses	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Patrick	Ortiz	Pueblo of Acoma
MELODY S.	ARVISO	SAN PASQUAL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
Geoffrey	Roth	Coquille/Native Project/NARA/UITCT
Andy	Joseph Jr.	Colville Tribe
Martha	Ketcher	Cherokee Nation
Lynette	Tahtinen	Bois Forte Health & Human Services
CURT	LAWRENCE	The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Jeff	Grubbe	Agua Caliente
Shocko	Hall	Michigan Indian Legal Services
Delia	Carlyle	Ak-Chin Indian Community
Sandra	Valencia	Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
Andrew	Joseph Jr	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
ABDELJALIL	MEKKAOU	ABDELJALIL MEKKAOU DHS
Brandon	Wisneski	Oneida Nation
Benjamin	Barnes	Shawnee Tribe
Lana	McCovey	Yurok Tribe
Charlene	Naulty	Aleut Community of St. Paul Island
Chris	Tucker	Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
Alicia	Mousseau	Oglala Sioux Tribe
Jim	Roberts	ANTHC
George	Gover	Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
Nadine	Carroll	Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments
Joy	Annette	Anishinabe UGPII
Cheryle	Kennedy	Confederated tribes of grand Ronde
amber	torres	Walker River Paiute Tribe
Donna	Hollow Horn Bear	Rosebud Sioux tribe
Sharon	Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Joseph	Gutierrez	Santa Clara Pueblo
Gail	Hatcher	The Klamath Tribes

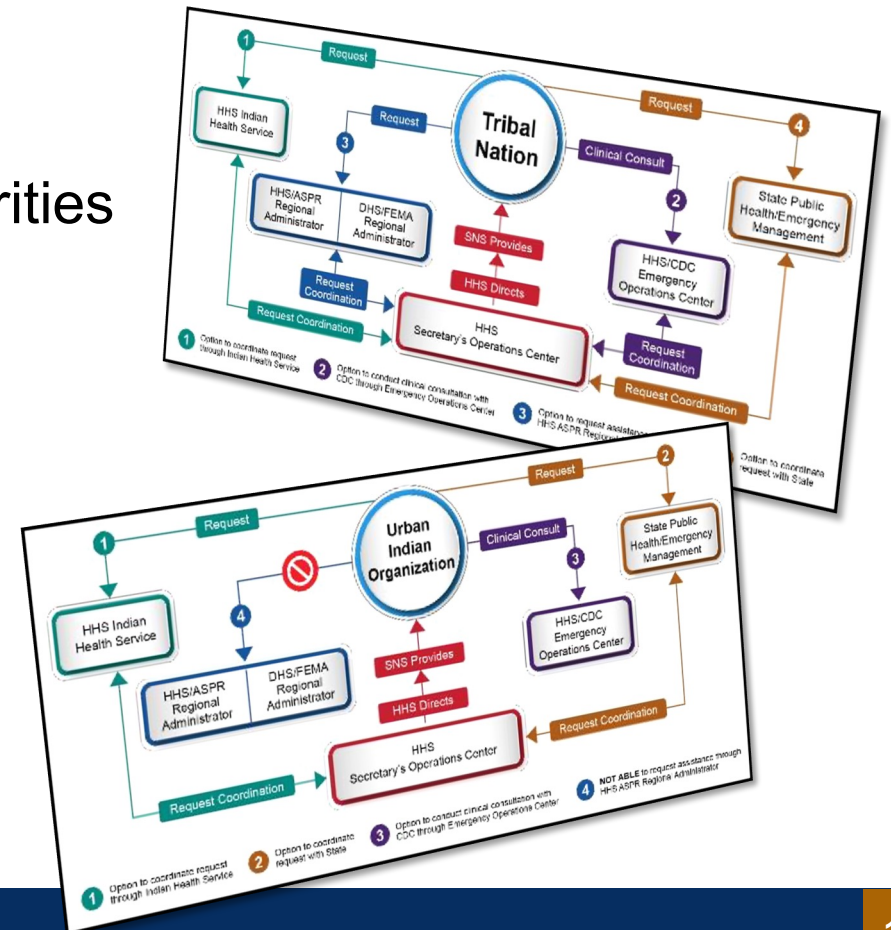
Non-Tribal Leaders

First Name	Last Name	Tribe/Organization
gem	labarta	IHS
Lou	Schmitz	American Indian Health Commission
sabrina	baca	Pueblo of Pojoaque
Tim	Zientek	Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Michele	Morris	Navajo Department of Health-Executive Office
Liz	Malerba	USET Sovereignty Protection Fund
Damon	Day	Bois Forte Tribal Government
Bern	Ruiz	FEMA
Alicia	Nevaquaya	Kiowa Tribe



Milestone #2 – ASPR Tribal/UIO Request Strategy

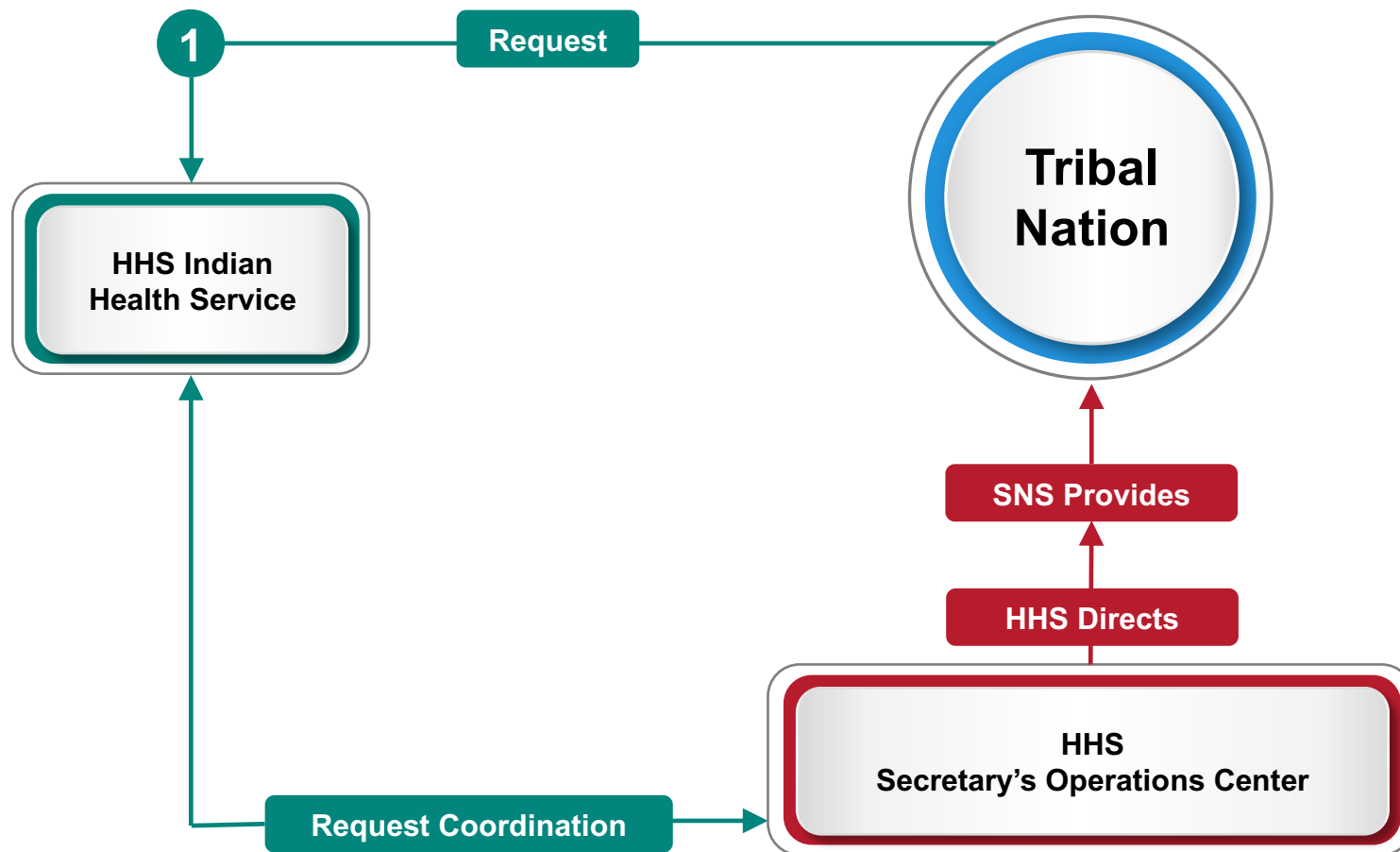
- WG identified multiple pathways for tribal nations/UIOs to access SNS/ Federal response resources
 - Responsive to listening session insights
 - Accountable to sovereign status of tribal nations
- Leverage request processes under existing authorities
 - Stafford Act
 - Declared PHEs
- Facilitated through:
 - Indian Health Service
 - CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - Federal Regional Administrators (FEMA and HHS)
 - States



Tribal Nation Request Options

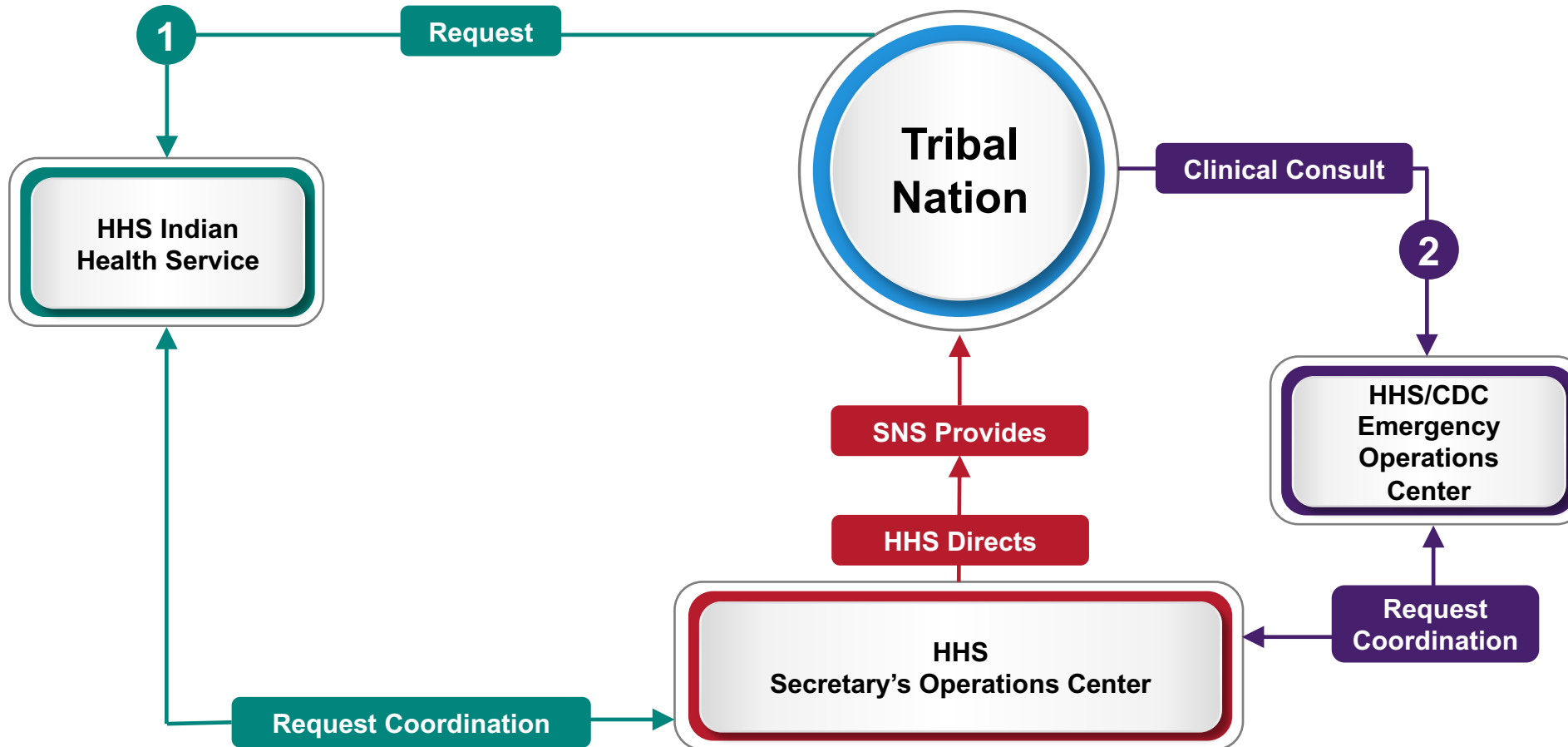


Tribal Nation Request Options



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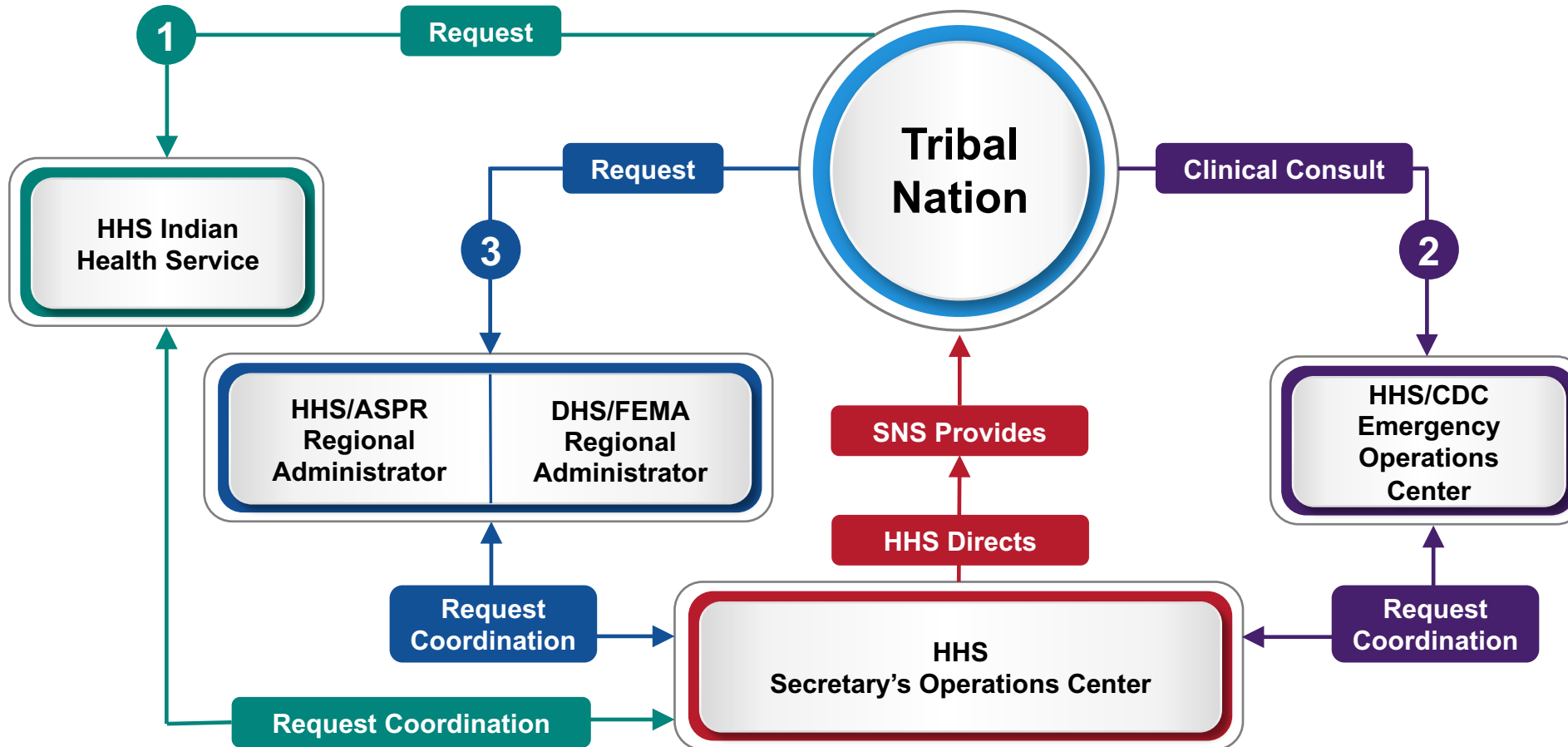
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2 Option to conduct clinical consultation with CDC through Emergency Operations Center

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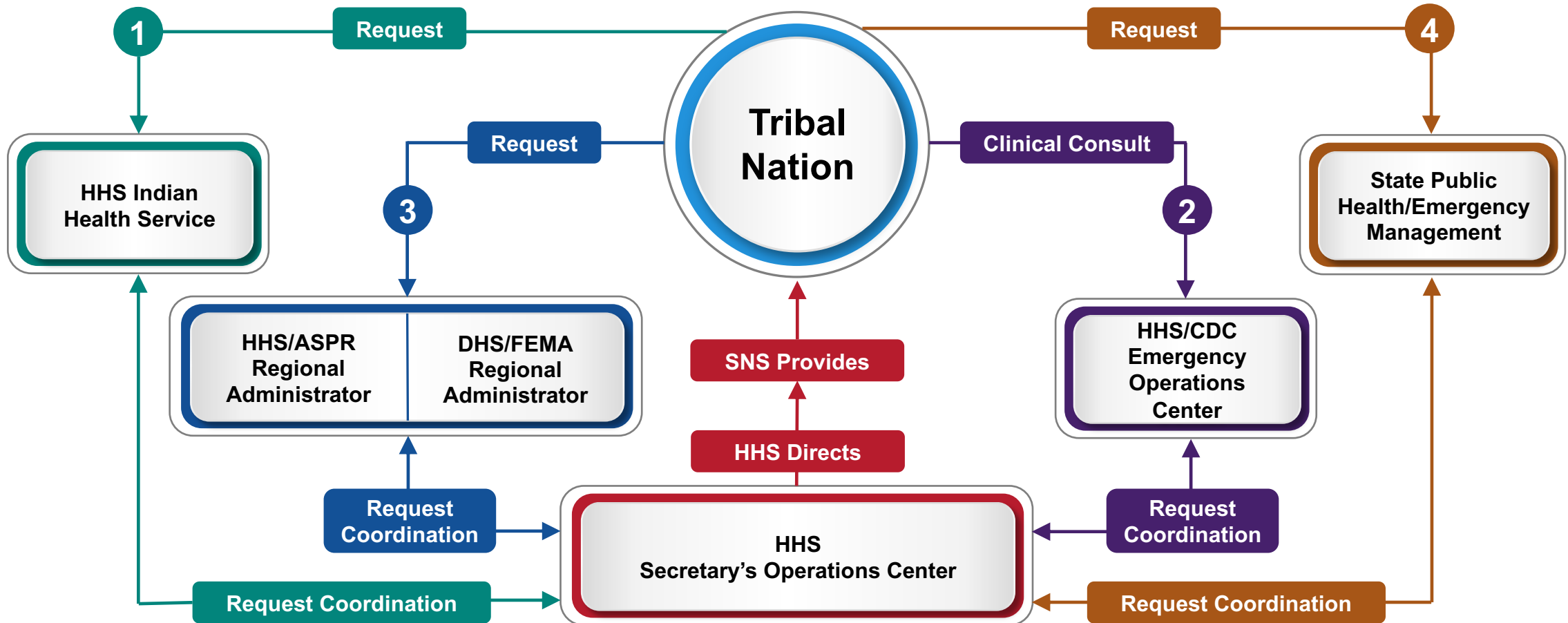
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Option to conduct clinical consultation with CDC through Emergency Operations Center

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Option to request assistance through ASPR or FEMA Regional Administrator

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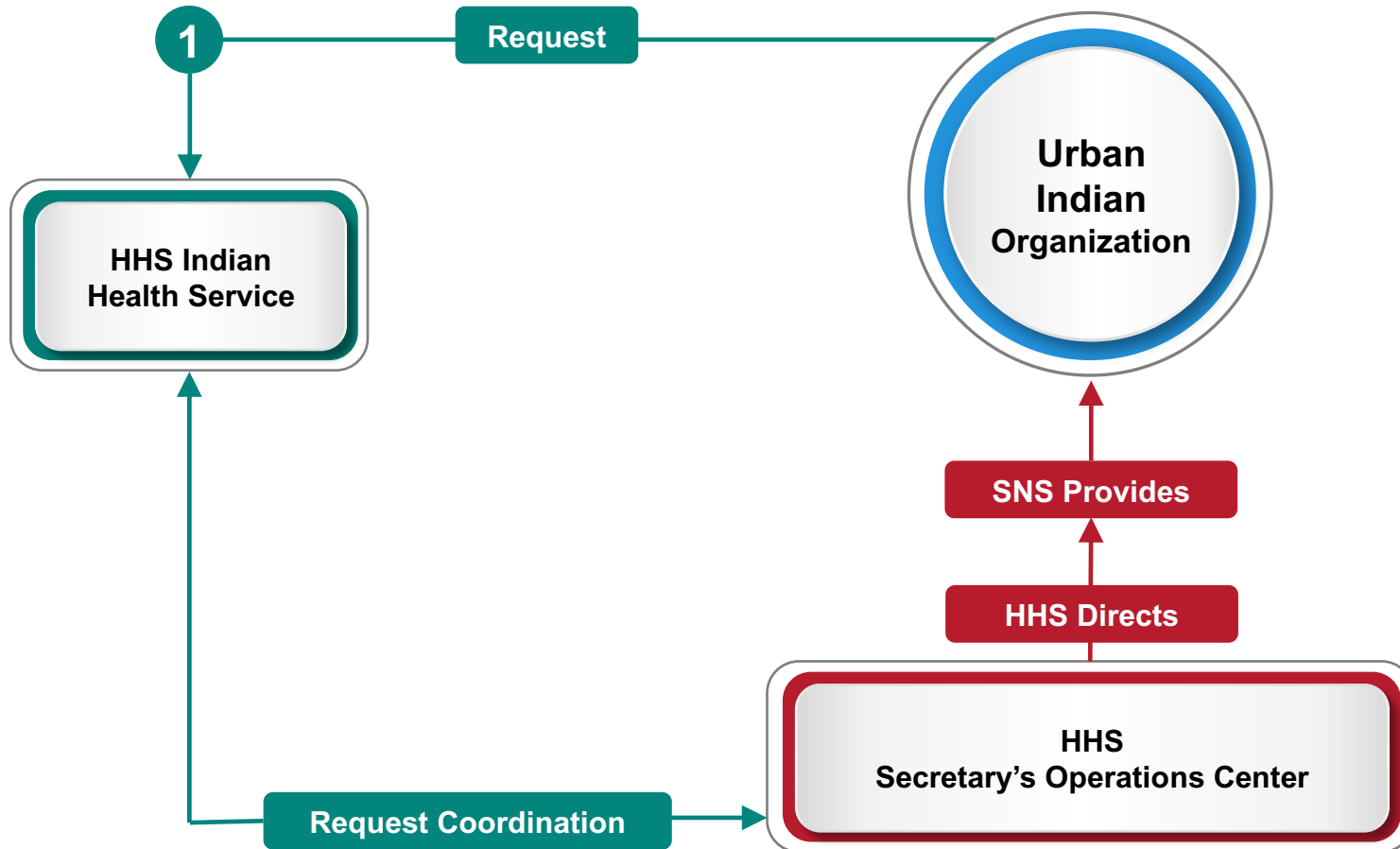


- 1** Option to coordinate request through Indian Health Service **2** Option to conduct clinical consultation with CDC through Emergency Operations Center **3** Option to request assistance through ASPR or FEMA Regional Administrator **4** Option to coordinate request with State

Urban Indian Organization Request Options

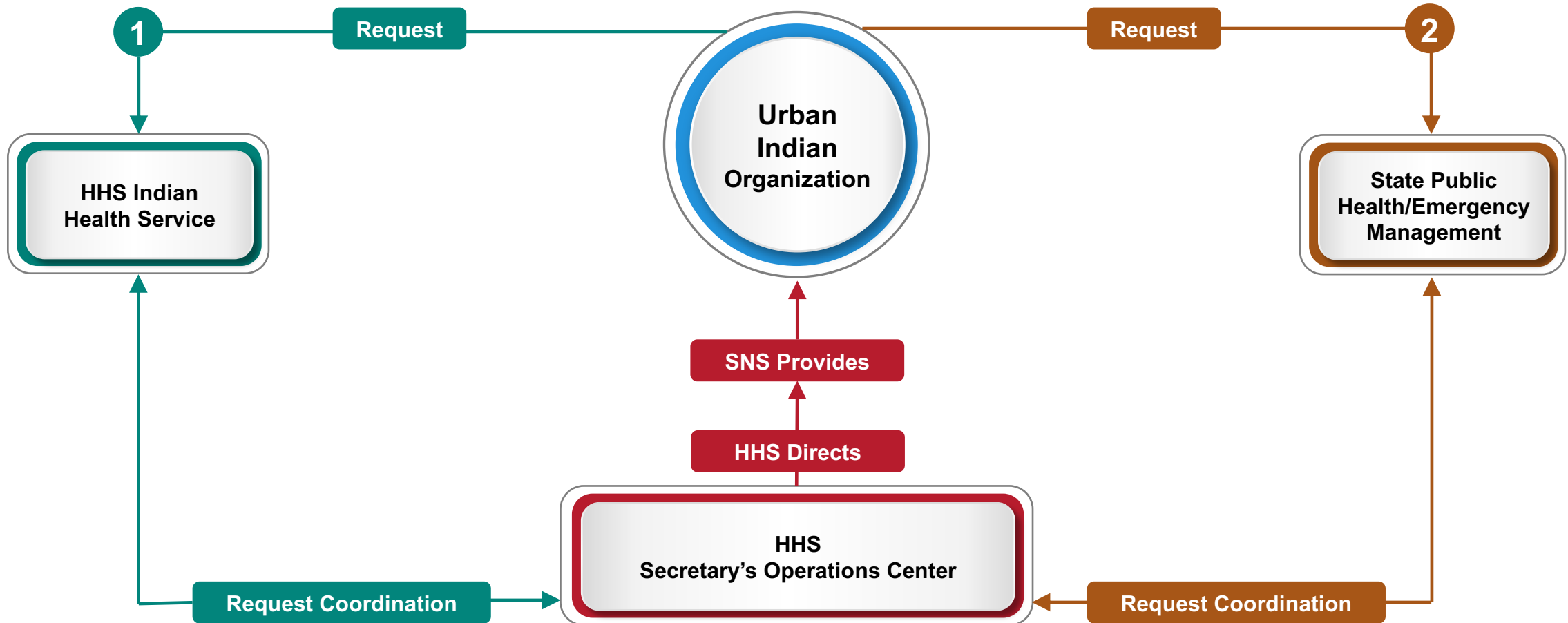


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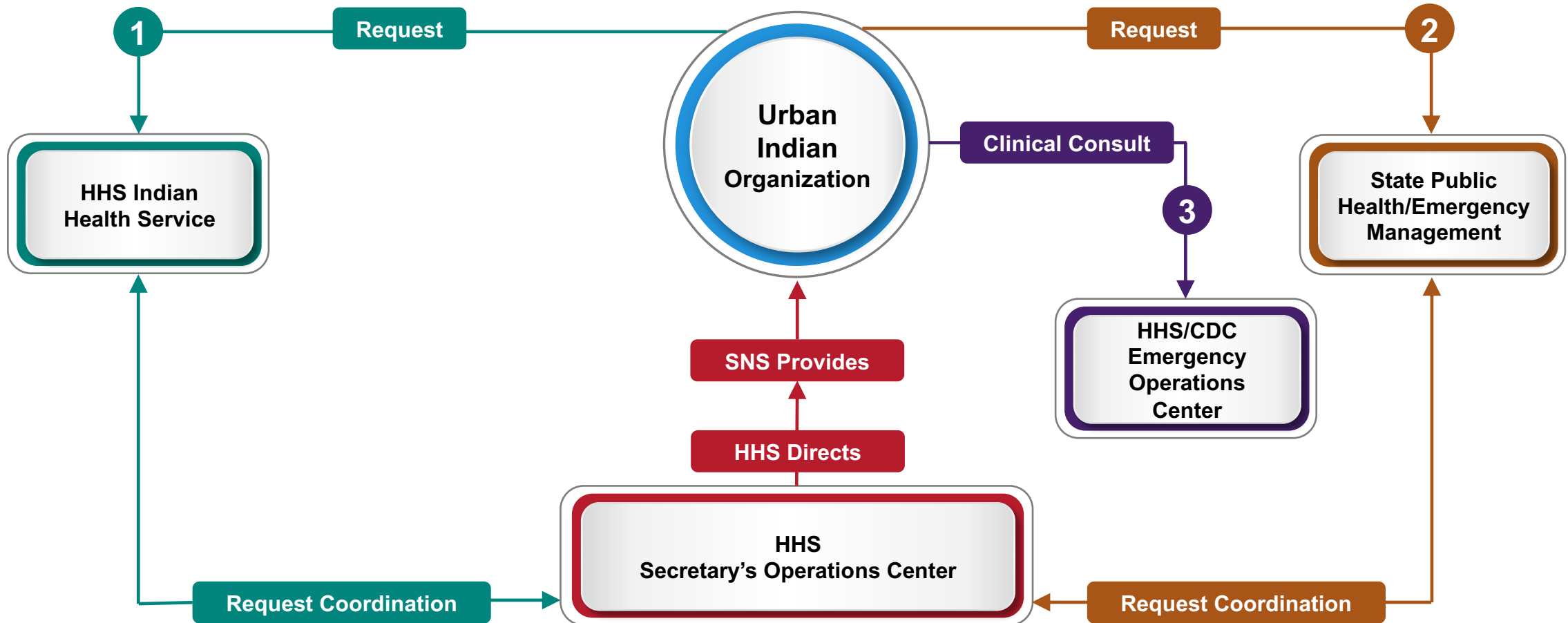
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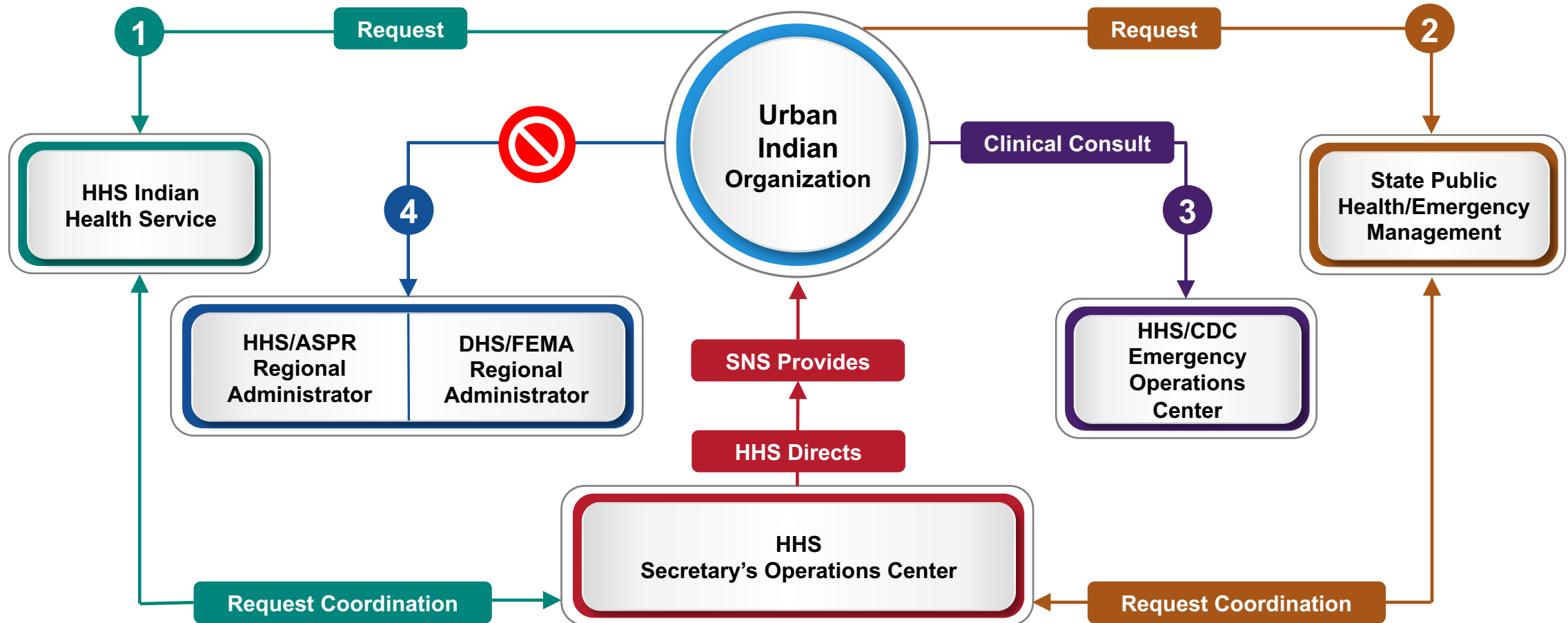
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Option to coordinate request with State

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Option to conduct clinical consultation with CDC through Emergency Operations Center

Urban Indian Organization Request Options



- 1** Option to coordinate request through Indian Health Service
- 2** Option to coordinate request with State
- 3** Option to conduct clinical consultation with CDC through Emergency Operations Center
- 4** NOT ABLE to request assistance through ASPR or FEMA Regional Administrator

Milestone #3 – Communications Plan

- Deliverable - Communications plan to support and facilitate tribal/UIO access to SNS/federal public health emergency response resources
- Communication plan objectives:
 - Build tribal/UIO knowledge of the request processes for accessing SNS and other federal stockpiles of public health emergency response supplies
 - Educate federal agency partners to ensure they are prepared to engage tribes directly to facilitate access to those supplies
 - Communicate guidance to assist state public health authorities/agencies in supporting tribal nations and UIOs during a public health emergency

Informing Customers and Stakeholders

- Communication plan goals
 - Engage in open/effective bi-directional communication
 - Reinforce USG recognition of tribal sovereignty
 - Regularly share accurate, relevant, and up-to-date info
 - Inform/involve tribal nations/ UIOs in decision-making
 - Achieve max outreach to build stakeholder awareness/support



Communications Strategies

- Communication strategies
 - Collaborate with stakeholders to develop key messages
 - Leverage organized events and regularly scheduled engagements
 - Develop communications resources that clearly depict request processes
 - Leverage official digital and social media for outreach to target audiences

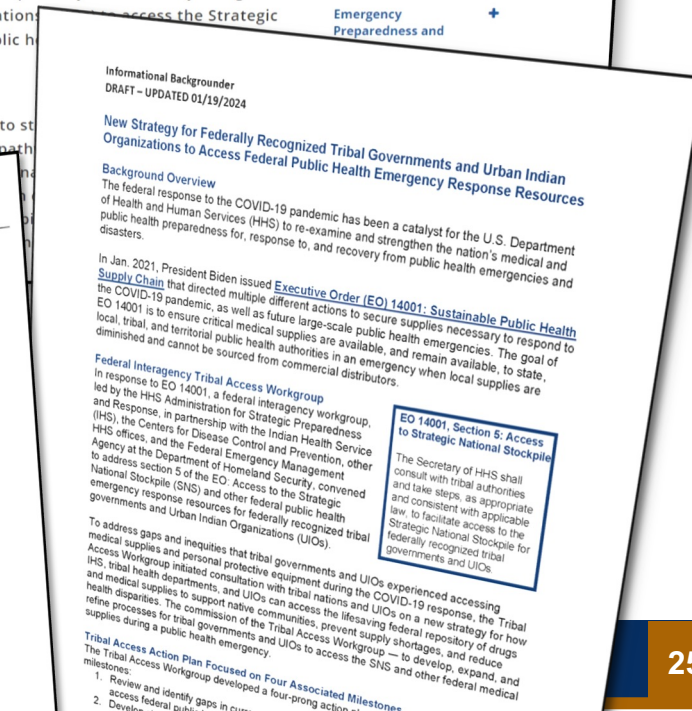
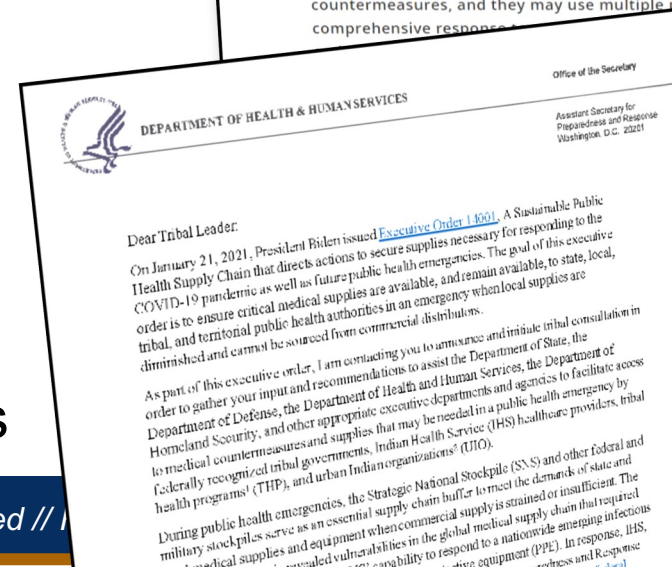


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Communications Toolkit

- Communications tools and resources
 - Dear Tribal and UIO leaders' letters
 - Tribal Access informational backgrounder
 - Federal partner talking points/FAQs
 - PowerPoint presentations
 - Public-facing federal websites
 - Graphics/diagrams/flow charts
 - Fact sheets on request processes



Milestone #4 – Guidance and Technical Assistance

- Deliverable - Specific guidance/TA to support tribal/UIO capabilities to request, distribute and utilize MCMs during future PH emergencies
- A work in progress
 - Expand the potential audience to include direct TA to the tribes/UIOs
 - Broaden the context to prepare for all manner of large-scale public health emergencies
- No quick task to generate a TA “plan”
 - Assessing TA needs of 500+ tribes is resource intensive
 - HHS/federal partners should engage tribes on available SNS access options
 - TA should address planning considerations if one pathway or another is chosen
- Specific TA needs/opportunities depend on success of the communications effort
- Technical assistance will be an ongoing activity

Contact Us



- The SNS Office of State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Preparedness resource mailbox:
 - sns-sltd@hhs.gov
- The SNS Website:
 - <https://aspr.hhs.gov/SNS/Pages/default.aspx>
- The SNS Tribal Access webpage:
 - <https://aspr.hhs.gov/SNS/Pages/TribalAccess.aspx>

Questions/Comments?

