



NPAIHB POLICY BRIEF

FY 2008 IHS Budget Update

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FY 2008 IHS Budget Update: House Action

Portland, OR —On June 28, 2007, the full House moved to pass the Interior & Environment Appropriations bill. The bill provides \$3.384 billion to the Indian Health Service (IHS), which is \$164.3 million above the FY 2007 final enacted level and \$113.7 million above the President's FY 2008 request. The House recommended budget for the IHS is very consistent with the President's recommendations and provides the similar amounts for hospital and clinic services and preventative services. For the Health, Preventative, and Other Service accounts the House provided \$3.023 billion; and \$360.9 million for the Facilities accounts.

The House budget does provide \$5.2 million more for Indian Health Professions, restores \$34 million for the Urban Indian Health Program, and provides an additional \$9.9 million for Contract Support Costs. For the facilities accounts, the House budget provides \$21.7 million additional funding over the President's recommendations: \$5.5 million for Sanitation Facilities, \$7.6 million for Facilities Construction, and \$7.5 million for Facilities and Environmental Health Support. The complete detail of changes are not available for the House recommendations, however the Committee did agree to include \$41 million for pay act increases, \$51.4 million for medical and non-medical inflation, \$36 million for population growth, and \$19 million for phasing in staffing at new facilities.

The bill also included the following amounts above the Administration's recommendations: \$10 million for Contact Health Services, \$25 million for the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund, \$3 million for Contract Support Costs, \$5 million for the loan repayment program, and \$21.6 million for the Facilities account. The Committee recommended \$34 million for the Urban Indian Health program, a program the Administration has cut in their last two budgets.

The Committee has also recommended a \$35 million for a *Methamphetamine Initiative* to address the continuing epidemic in Indian Country. The funding is to be split between the IHS and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Committee recommends \$15 million for the IHS, of which \$5 million will be used for youth suicide prevention associated with methamphetamine. The Report lists the \$15 million as a separate account; it is not included in any existing account (i.e., Hospital and Clinics, Alcohol and Substance Abuse).

The Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee has cleared their bill for full Senate action later this session. It isn't known when the Senate will take up action on their bill with many budget experts thinking that many of the appropriations bills will get rolled into a larger omnibus appropriation at the beginning of the year. The Senate recommendations for the IHS include \$96.7 million over the President's request and \$187.3 million more than the FY 2007 enacted level.

Indian Health Service Budget
Comparing Final FY 2007 Budget to Congressional Action on FY 2008 Budget
(Dollars in Thousands)

Sub Sub Activity	FY 2007		FY 2008 President's Request			House Action					Senate Action				
	Joint Budget Resolution Operating Plan	FINAL ENACTED BUDGET	President's FY 2008 Budget	Change vs. Final FY 2007	Percent Change	House Recommend. H. Rpt 110-187	Diff vs President	Diff vs. Joint Res. Op. Plan	Diff vs. Final Enacted	Change vs Final	Senate Recommend. (S. Rpt. 110-91)	Diff vs President	Diff vs. Joint Res. Op. Plan	Diff vs. Final Enacted	Change vs Final
SERVICES:															
Hospitals & Health Clinics	1,442,455	\$ 1,411,387	\$ 1,493,534	\$ 82,147	5.8%	\$ 1,493,534	\$ -	\$ 51,079	\$ 82,147	5.8%	\$ 1,503,834	\$ 10,300	\$ 61,379	\$ 92,447	6.6%
Dental Services	126,882	125,396	135,755	\$ 10,359	8.3%	\$ 135,755	\$ -	\$ 8,873	\$ 10,359	8.3%	\$ 135,755	\$ -	\$ 8,873	\$ 10,359	8.3%
Mental Health	61,656	60,882	64,538	\$ 3,656	6.0%	\$ 64,538	\$ -	\$ 2,882	\$ 3,656	6.0%	\$ 67,038	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,382	\$ 6,156	10.1%
Alcohol & Substance Abuse	150,511	148,226	161,988	\$ 13,762	9.3%	\$ 161,988	\$ -	\$ 11,477	\$ 13,762	9.3%	\$ 164,488	\$ 2,500	\$ 13,977	\$ 16,262	11.0%
Contract Health Services	517,297	543,099	569,515	\$ 26,416	4.9%	\$ 579,515	\$ 10,000	\$ 62,218	\$ 36,416	6.7%	\$ 579,515	\$ -	\$ 62,218	\$ 36,416	6.7%
<i>Total, Clinical Services</i>	\$ 2,298,801	\$ 2,288,990	\$ 2,425,330	\$ 136,340	6.0%	\$ 2,435,330	\$ 10,000	\$ 136,529	\$ 146,340	6.4%	\$ 2,450,630	\$ 15,300	\$ 151,829	\$ 161,640	7.1%
PREVENTIVE HEALTH:															
Public Health Nursing	53,015	\$ 52,445	\$ 56,825	\$ 4,380	8.4%	\$ 56,825	\$ -	\$ 3,810	\$ 4,380	8.4%	\$ 56,825	\$ -	\$ 3,810	\$ 4,380	8.4%
Health Education	14,479	14,287	15,229	\$ 942	6.6%	\$ 15,229	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 942	6.6%	\$ 15,229	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 942	6.6%
Comm. Health Reps	55,744	54,891	55,795	\$ 904	1.6%	\$ 55,795	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ 904	1.6%	\$ 55,795	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ 904	1.6%
Immunization AK	1,706	1,681	1,760	\$ 79	4.7%	\$ 1,760	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ 79	4.7%	\$ 1,760	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ 79	4.7%
<i>Total, Preventative Health</i>	\$ 124,944	\$ 123,304	\$ 129,609	\$ 6,305	5.1%	\$ 129,609	\$ -	\$ 4,665	\$ 6,305	5.1%	\$ 129,609	\$ -	\$ 4,665	\$ 6,305	5.1%
OTHER SERVICES:															
Urban Health	33,951	\$ 33,691	\$ -	\$ (33,691)	-100%	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 49	\$ 309	0.9%	\$ 35,094	\$ 1,094	\$ 1,143	\$ 1,403	4.2%
Indian Health Professions	31,676	31,375	31,866	\$ 491	1.6%	\$ 36,866	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,491	17.5%	\$ 31,866	\$ (5,000)	\$ 190	\$ 491	1.6%
Tribal Management	2,485	2,438	2,529	\$ 91	3.7%	\$ 2,529	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 91	3.7%	\$ 2,529	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 91	3.7%
Direct Operation	63,793	63,631	64,632	\$ 1,001	1.6%	\$ 64,632	\$ -	\$ 839	\$ 1,001	1.6%	\$ 64,632	\$ -	\$ 839	\$ 1,001	1.6%
Self Governance	5,842	5,763	5,928	\$ 165	2.9%	\$ 5,928	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ 165	2.9%	\$ 5,928	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ 165	2.9%
Contract Support Costs	264,730	269,730	271,636	\$ 1,906	0.7%	\$ 274,638	\$ 3,002	\$ 9,908	\$ 4,908	1.8%	\$ 271,636	\$ (3,002)	\$ 6,906	\$ 1,906	0.7%
<i>Total, Other Services</i>	\$ 402,477	\$ 406,628	\$ 376,591	\$ (30,037)	-7.4%	\$ 418,593	\$ 42,002	\$ 16,116	\$ 11,965	2.9%	\$ 411,685	\$ (6,908)	\$ 9,208	\$ 5,057	1.2%
TOTAL, SERVICES	\$ 2,826,222	\$ 2,818,922	\$ 2,931,530	\$ 112,608	4.0%	\$ 2,983,532	\$ 52,002	\$ 157,310	\$ 164,610	5.8%	\$ 2,991,924	\$ 8,392	\$ 165,702	\$ 173,002	6.1%
FACILITIES:															
Maintenance & Improvement	52,668	54,668	51,936	\$ (2,732)	-5.0%	\$ 52,668	\$ 732	\$ -	\$ (2,000)	-3.7%	\$ 53,727	\$ 1,059	\$ 1,059	\$ (941)	-1.7%
Sanitation Facilities Construction	94,003	94,003	88,500	\$ (5,503)	-5.9%	\$ 94,003	\$ 5,503	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 95,747	\$ 1,744	\$ 1,744	\$ 1,744	1.9%
Hlth Care Facilities Construction	24,303	25,664	12,664	\$ (13,000)	-50.7%	\$ 20,279	\$ 7,615	\$ (4,024)	\$ (5,385)	-21.0%	\$ 33,039	\$ 12,760	\$ 8,736	\$ 7,375	28.7%
Facil. & Envir. Hlth Supp	161,333	165,272	164,826	\$ (446)	-0.3%	\$ 172,326	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,993	\$ 7,054	4.3%	\$ 170,567	\$ (1,759)	\$ 9,234	\$ 5,295	3.2%
Equipment	21,619	21,619	21,270	\$ (349)	-1.6%	\$ 21,619	\$ 349	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 22,395	\$ 776	\$ 776	\$ 776	3.6%
<i>Total, Facilities</i>	\$ 353,926	\$ 361,226	\$ 339,196	\$ (22,030)	-6.1%	\$ 360,895	\$ 21,699	\$ 6,969	\$ (331)	-0.1%	\$ 375,475	\$ 14,580	\$ 21,549	\$ 14,249	3.9%
ADD'L. SERVICES FUNDING:															
Meth Treatment & Prevention						\$ 15,000									
Ind. Hlth Care Improvemnt Fund						\$ 25,000									
TOTAL, IHS	\$ 3,180,148	\$ 3,180,148	\$ 3,270,726	\$ 90,578	2.8%	\$ 3,384,427	\$ 113,701	\$ 164,279	\$ 164,279	5.2%	\$ 3,367,399	\$ 96,673	\$ 187,251	\$ 187,251	5.9%

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