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TO: Tribal Leaders, Health Directors, NPAIHB Delegates

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SUBJECT: Federal Register Updates: CHS Delivery Areas &
Calendar Year 2007 IHS Encounter Rates

I am providing you with updates concerning Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribally operated health programs that were recently published in the Federal Register.

IHS Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2007

On June 20, 2007, the Calendar Year 2007 reimbursement rates for Medicare/Medicaid services provided by IHS and Tribally operated health programs was published in the Federal Register. The rates are effective for services provided on/after January 1, 2007. The states will be issuing retroactive billing instructions shortly and we will update you of these requirements when they become available.

Medicaid Rates				
Inpatient¹	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2007	Change	Percent Change
Lower 48 States	\$1,660	\$1,725	\$65	3.9%
Alaska	\$2,131	\$2,208	\$77	3.6%

Outpatient²	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2007	Change	Percent Change
Lower 48 States	\$242	\$256	\$14	5.8%
Alaska	\$406	\$398	- \$8	- 1.97%
¹ Excludes Physician Services				
² Excludes Medicare Services				

Medicare Rates				
Outpatient¹	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2007	Change	Percent Change
Lower 48 States	\$193	\$201	\$8	4.1%
Alaska	\$348	\$356	\$8	2.3%

Outpatient Part B Ancillary Services	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2007	Change	Percent Change
Lower 48 States	\$242	\$256	\$14	5.8%
Alaska	\$406	\$398	- \$8	- 1.97%
¹ Medicare Part A (inpatient services) rates are not included and paid based on prospective payment system.				

IHS Publishes revised CHSDA Areas

On June 21, 2007, the IHS published a revised list of Contract Health Service Delivery Areas (CHSDA) as defined under 42 CFR Part 136, Subparts A – C and Service Delivery Areas as defined by the IHS Director. The revised list replaces and supplements the previous list that was last updated in 1984, and amended in 1988. The revised list includes CHSDA designations for newly recognized Tribes. A copy of the Federal Register notices is included for your review.

If you should have any questions concerning this information, please contact me directly at (503) 228-4185 or email jroberts@npaihb.org.