

CHAP update



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- On June 1, 2016, Dear Tribal Leader Letter seeking tribal consultation on a policy statement describing the intention of the IHS to create a national Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) similar to the Alaska model that could ultimately lead to greater numbers of dental providers (e.g., dental health aide therapists) and other community health aides
- The Tribal Consultation on the draft policy statement concluded on October 27, 2016.
- IHS issued a DTLL and report on January 4, 2017 on the CHAP tribal consultation process.



What is CHAP

- The Community Health Aide Program
- Developed in Alaska over the last 60 years
- Includes Community Health Aides, Dental Health Aides, and Behavioral Health Aides
- CHAP provides patient-centered primary care, as opposed to specialty care, and delivers more care in the community rather than in the acute care setting.
- CHAP providers work in collaboration with Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, and other licensed providers in the dental and behavioral health fields.



January 4th Report Highlights

Summary of comments:

- Emphasized opportunity for CHAP to increase access to services
- Reiterated community nature of program and importance of community involvement
- Highlighted need for baseline standards with enough flexibility that each Area can set-up its own program.
- Nationalization intended not to disrupt existing CHAP programs
- Highlighted need for legislative change to fully utilize DHATs



January 4th Report Highlights

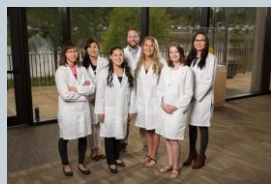
IHS Next Steps:

- Establish a national workgroup to develop a draft CHAP Expansion Policy and Implementation Plan
- Seek input on the draft CHAP Expansion Policy and Implementation Plan through the Tribal Consultation process.
- Revise and recirculate draft policy and plan as necessary.
- Circulate plan through IHS Areas for clearance.



NPAIHB Next Steps

- Send letter in appreciation of the report
- Make suggestions for members of the IHS CHAP implementation Work Group



Thank you!



QUESTIONS?