



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
1220 SW 3rd AVENUE, Room 476
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

Dear Tribal Chairs, Tribal Health Directors and NPaiHB Delegates:

On June 18, 2009 the Portland Area Fund Distribution Workgroup (FDWG) convened for a second time in recent months to discuss the fiscal year 2009 Contract Health Service (CHS) program funding increase of \$2.233 million for the Portland Area Indian Health Service (PAIHS). The FDWG is a Tribal advisory group that advises the Area Director on methodologies for distribution of new funds that come to the Area from Congressional program increases to the IHS budget.

At a meeting on April 17, 2009, the FDWG recommended that the CHS program increase be distributed based on active CHS users. It further recommended that all Tribes and Federal service units be given 30 days to ensure that all data was submitted to the Indian Health Service National Data Warehouse.

At the end of the additional 30-day reporting period the Portland Area Office requested a special CHS user report from the National Data Warehouse. After reviewing this report with Area staff, concerns remained with regard to unexplainable data discrepancies. Based on this concern, Area staff were instructed to run a report from each Tribal data system to show an unduplicated number of users with a paid purchase order in the last three years. This report was presented to the FDWG at the June 18 meeting and the group recommended that the CHS funds be distributed based on these new local, internal figures.

I am confident that these numbers better reflect your actual individual CHS user population numbers and I have accepted the FDWG recommendation to distribute the CHS funds based on the internal numbers. The CHS program increase will be released to you individually today, June 19, 2009. If you have any questions please contact Terry Dean, Special Assistant to the Portland Area Director, at 503-326-7270 or at terry.dean@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

Doni Wilder
Director

cc: Joe Finkbonner, Executive Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Chief Executive Officers, Portland Area Service Units

**Portland Area Indian Health Service
FY 2009 Proposed CHS Congressional Increases
Recurring Increase CHS- \$5,693,788**

Tribe	CHS Increase	CHS Inflation	CHS Pop Growth	Total
Burns	8,862	23,603	9,345	41,810
Chehalis	22,681	25,843	10,232	58,756
Western Oregon SU	16,823	21,752	8,612	47,187
Coeur d'Alene	71,599	56,891	22,525	151,015
Colville Tribe - Colville SU	132,634	219,084	86,742	438,460
Coos	19,477	19,589	7,756	46,822
Coquille	26,587	21,424	8,482	56,493
Cow Creek	33,346	22,705	8,990	65,041
Cowlitz	27,088	41,211	16,317	84,616
Grand Ronde	98,236	79,369	31,425	209,030
Hoh - PSSU	3,905	5,387	2,133	11,425
Jamestown S'Klallam	12,668	14,795	5,858	33,321
Kalispel	1,402	12,251	4,850	18,503
Klamath Health	77,858	74,299	29,417	181,574
Kootenai	6,910	8,978	3,554	19,442
Lower Elwha	19,127	28,535	11,298	58,960
Lummi	116,061	109,251	43,256	268,568
Makah	37,302	45,526	18,025	100,853
Muckleshoot	71,299	47,442	18,784	137,525
Nez Perce	99,388	135,133	53,503	288,024
Nisqually	28,089	31,504	12,474	72,067
Nooksack	25,385	26,273	10,402	62,060
NW Shoshoni	551	8,651	3,425	12,627
Port Gamble	39,305	26,158	10,357	75,820
Puyallup	87,672	106,210	42,052	235,934
Quileute	13,669	17,347	6,868	37,884
Quinault	65,791	76,509	30,292	172,592
Samish	20,679	24,276	9,612	54,567
Sauk-Suiattle - PSSU	3,405	9,665	3,826	16,896
Shoalwater Bay	7,811	15,915	6,301	30,027
ShoshoneBannock - Ft Hall S.U.	203,533	168,942	66,889	439,364
Siletz	106,147	96,556	38,229	240,932
Skokomish	16,623	33,526	13,274	63,423
Snoqualmie	2,804	2,978	1,179	6,961
Spokane - Wellpinit S.U.	44,512	75,481	29,886	149,879
Squaxin Island	16,923	25,037	9,913	51,873
Stillaguamish - PSSU	4,106	8,460	3,350	15,916
Suquamish	13,619	23,171	9,174	45,964
Swinomish	26,587	42,788	16,941	86,316
Tulalip	99,288	77,441	30,661	207,390
Umatilla	89,574	90,824	35,960	216,358
Upper Skagit	5,858	173	69	6,100
Warm Springs Tribe - Warm Springs SU	141,647	166,997	66,119	374,763
Yakama Tribe - Yakama SU	266,170	261,241	103,433	630,844
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* Lab, Risk Pool, FI, includes rounding