



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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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 January 8, 2010 the Portland Area Fund Distribution Workgroup (FDWG) convened via tele-conference call to discuss the fiscal year 2010 Contract Health Services (CHS) program funding increases 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.

On two occasions in FY2009, the FDWG met to discuss CHS funding increases with the end recommendation being that the Area Director utilize an internal CHS report to distribute these funds. Again, on the January 8, 2010 tele-conference call the FDWG recommended that this same process be followed for the FY 2010 CHS Program increase. The FDWG also recommended that the CHS Mandatories (Inflation and Pop Growth) be distributed pro-rata.

I am confident that these same internal numbers used in June 2009 better reflect your actual individual CHS user population numbers and I have accepted the FDWG recommendation to distribute the FY 2010 CHS Pop-growth, CHS inflation, and CHS Program increase based on these numbers. The CHS program increases will be released individually to each of you this week. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Terry Dean, Special Assistant to the Portland Area Director, at (503) 326-7270 or by email at terry.dean@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

Dean Seyler
Acting Director

cc: Joe Finkbonner, Executive Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
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