



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
1414 NW NORTHROP, Suite 800
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Dear Tribal Leaders, Tribal Health Directors, and Urban Program Directors:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is well underway with its plan for migrating from ICD-9 to ICD-10. ICD stands for International Classification of Diseases, a standardized framework and language to report, compile, use, and compare health information. ICD-9, which we currently use, is obsolete. By law, we must replace it with ICD-10. We have until October 2013 to get this done. Each IHS Area has named an ICD-10 point of contact. For Portland Area, the point of contact is Ms. Peggy Ollgaard, Information Technology Specialist.

To help ensure a successful and timely migration of all Portland Area Tribal, Federal, and Urban sites, I ask that you name an ICD-10 point of contact for your site(s) and provide Ms. Ollgaard with contact information, including telephone number and email address.

Ms. Ollgaard can be reached via email at peggy.ollgaard@ihs.gov, or by phone at (503) 414-5593. You may also write Ms. Ollgaard at Indian Health Service, Portland Area Office, 1414 NW Northrup Street, Suite 800, Portland, OR 97209, ATTN: Peggy Ollgaard.

Thank you for your help in this critically important effort, and for your continuing commitment to improving the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. M. Seyler", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dean M. Seyler
Director

cc: Terry Dean, Acting Executive Officer, Portland Area Office, IHS
Peggy Ollgaard, Information Technology Specialist, Business Office, PAIHS