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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to provide an update to my June 1, Tribal Leader Letter on the Proposed Rule for the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF). Several Tribes and Tribal Organizations expressed concern about provisions in the *Federal Register* Notice. In response to those concerns, the Indian Health Service (IHS) made the determination that we would engage in additional Tribal Consultation before moving forward.

Telephone and in person Tribal Consultation sessions have been scheduled as follows:

**Telephone Tribal Consultation Sessions**

Call Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2016  
Call Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)  
Call In Number: (888) 790-3108  
Participant Passcode: 4110567

Call Date: Monday, October 24, 2016  
Call Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)  
Call In Number: (888) 790-3108  
Participant Passcode: 4110567

**In Person Tribal Consultation Sessions**

National Indian Health Board Consumer Conference on September 19, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m., in Scottsdale, Arizona.

National Congress of American Indians 73rd Annual Convention and Marketplace scheduled for October 9, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., in Phoenix, Arizona.

Thank you for your support and partnership. I look forward to hearing your input on the proposed CHEF regulations.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Terri Schmidt, Acting Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships. She can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-3216 or by e-mail at [terri.schmidt@ihs.gov](mailto:terri.schmidt@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Principal Deputy Director