

Northwest Portland Indian Area Health Board VA OTGR Update



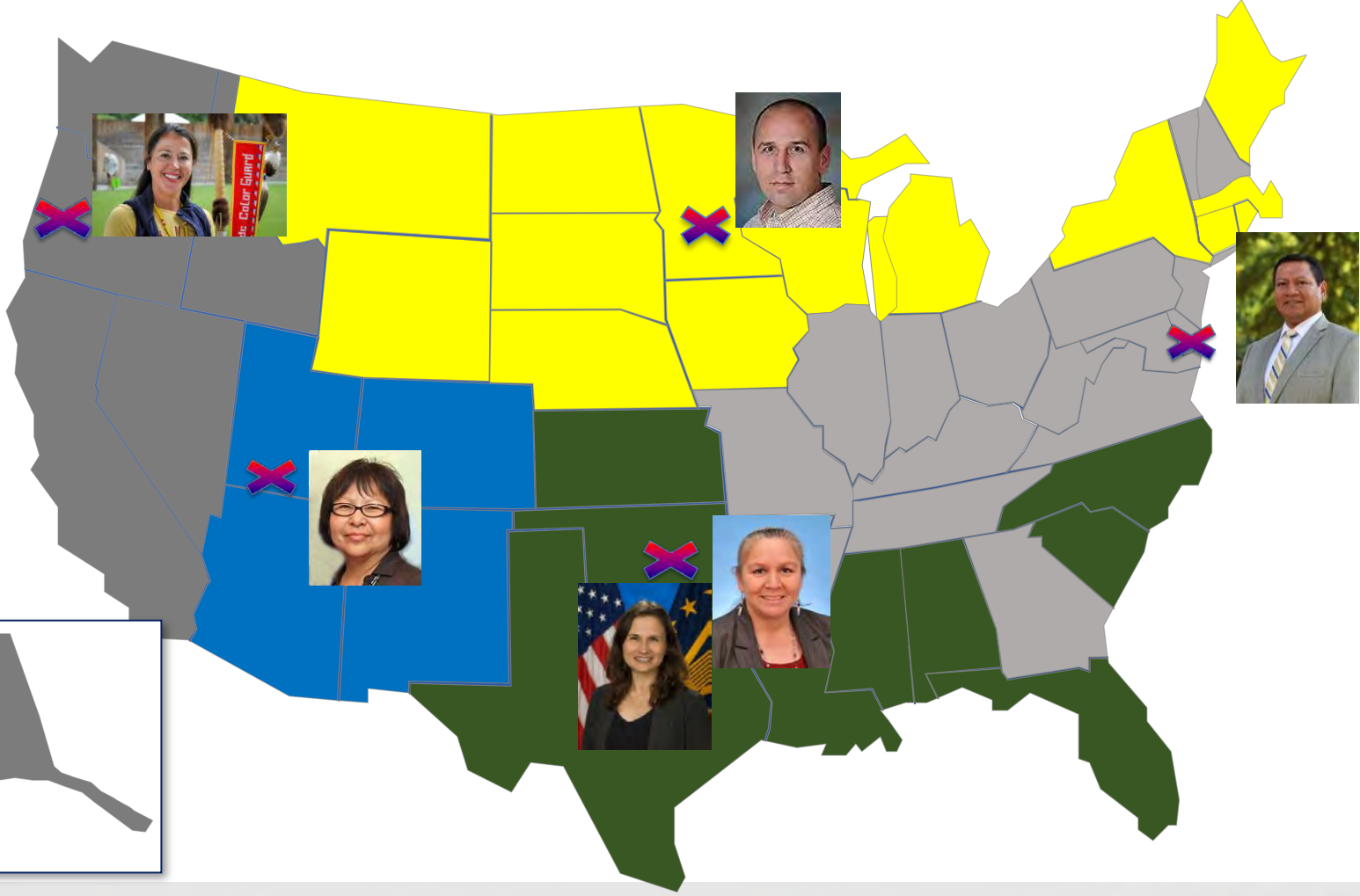
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Recent Enactments of the 116th Congress: Native Veterans legislation Updates

- Reimbursements to Indian Health Service and PRC (HR 6237)- Status: A series of informational calls were held between VHA, IHS and members from IHS's PRC workgroup to gain an understanding of the PRC program. VA and IHS office of general councils are working together on details of the legislation.
- Co-pay prohibitions for Native American Veterans (HR 7105 section 3002) – Status: March 29 DTLL for consultation, virtual session April 29 and written comments due by May 29, 2021
- State Veterans Homes Grants (HR 7105 section 3004) – Status: Listening sessions held March 3, 2021 – DTLL forthcoming for consultation
- HUD-VASH (section 4206) – Status: Secured and increased funding
- VA Tribal Advisory Committee (HR 7105 section 7002) – Status: Nominations and first committee meeting to occur by Sept 2021
- Urban Indian Health Programs and Reimbursement Agreements with VHA (HR 6237) – Status: VHA is working National Council of Urban Indian Health and IHS Office of Urban Indian Programs to understand scope of services, clinic locations, and anticipated Veteran volume. Listening session was held March 23 with NCUIH.

Current VA Consultation

- Joint Agency Tribal Consultation with Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Treasury, Social Security Administration; U.S. Small Business Administration on the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships (seeking input on how we can improve Departments and Agency's Tribal Consultation Policy. DTLL sent March 8, virtual consultation sessions April 6, April 7, and April 8 with written consultation due April 9, 2021
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- VA / IHS MOU update – Consultation Report being drafted

Virtual Outreach - OTGR Webex Wednesdays

4/7/21	Native American Veterans: Federal Employment	Kelly Woodall, Steven Juneau, Courtney Bernal, Allison Phillips
4/21/21	VA Education 101	Terry Warren, Stakeholder, Engagement, Education Office
4/28/21	VA vaccinations in Tribal Communities	Dr. Jane Kim

Regional Updates

- Regional Webex trainings offered
 - March 25, 2021 – Complex PTSD & Whole Health (55 attended)
 - June 8, 2021 – Behavioral Health Series, Part 2 – Dr. Sarah Sunigah
- Virtual Claims events with tribes
 - Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
 - Viejas Tribe
 - Rincon Tribe
- Tribal Veteran Representative (TVR) Virtual Training will be held on April 28-29, 2021 in collaboration with ODVA hosted by Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Regional Updates

VA-IHS/THP Reimbursement Agreements Through February 2021

Executive Summary					
	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Difference	FY21	Program Inception to
Disbursed	\$1,620,603.35	\$2,211,951.56	\$591,348	\$8,283,709	\$131,558,647
Unique Veterans	1,581	2,313	732	4,361	12,198
Inpatient Claims	493	406	-87	1,898	7,349
Outpatient Claims	3,610	5,526	1,916	18,819	368,691
Total Claims	4,103	5,932	N/A	20,717	376,040

	IHS/THP Feb 2021	
	IHS	THP
Claims	2423	3509
Unique Veterans	911	1435
Disbursed	\$664,515.71	\$1,547,435.85

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