

NPAIHB Weekly Update

May 30, 2023

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Victoria Warren-Mears
- State Partner Updates:
 - Washington
 - Oregon
 - Idaho
- NPAIHB Policy & Legislative Updates: Candice Jimenez & Liz Coronado
- Questions & Comments

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Upcoming Indian Country ECHO telehealth opportunities

- **SUD ECHO** – 1st Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, June 1st at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Heart Failure Management*
 - To learn more and join:
<https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/substance-use-disorder/>

Upcoming Virtual Training Opportunity in June:

- Ending the Syndemics: Substance Use Disorder Training
- June 22nd from 9:00am – 12:00pm PT
- To learn more and register: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/ending-the-syndemic-substance-use-disorders/>

State Partner Updates

- Washington
- Oregon
- Idaho



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LEGISLATIVE &

POLICY UPDATE

May 30, 2023

Tuesday THD Call

Virtual

NPAIHB Health Policy Team



Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- Introduction of Karol Dixon
- Legislative and Appropriations Updates
- Administrative & Regulatory Updates
- Upcoming Tribal Consultations + Listening Sessions
- Review of Regional & National Meetings
- NPAIHB Policy Resources



Welcome, Karol Dixon!

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Legislative Updates

- **Fiscal Responsibility Act, H.R. 3746**
- **Special Diabetes Program for Indians Reauthorization Act of 2023, H.R. 2547** introduced by Reps. Cole and Ruiz.
 - Reauthorize SDPI at \$150 million for 5 years—no increase.
 - SDPI Member Sign-On Letter for House and Senate
- **Assistant Secretary for Indian Health within HHS, H.R. 2535** reintroduced in 118th Congress by Rep. Stanton (D-AZ) and Rep. Joyce (R-OH)
- **IHS Contract Support Cost Amendment Act, H.R. 409**
 - Rep. Tom Cole to push forward scheduling a hearing.



President's Budget Request for FY 2024

| Indian Health Service | 8.1 Billion |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Hospitals/Health Clinics | + 1.1 Billion |
| Purchased/Referred Care | + 181 M |
| Mental Health | + 37 M |
| Alcohol and Substance Abuse | + 42 M |
| CHAP | + 20 M |
| EHR | + 700 M |
| CHR | + 9 M |
| Indian Health Professionals | + 13 M |



House and Senate Appropriations – FY 2024

- House Appropriations American Indian and Alaska Native Witness Day
- House Republicans “Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023”
- NPAIHB submitted Testimony to Senate Appropriations Interior and LHHE Subcommittees for FY 2024



COVID-19 Flexibilities

- **COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Ends **May 11, 2023****
- **OCR Confirms HIPAA Flexibilities Ends May 11th**
 - 90 Day grace period to come into compliance for telehealth –Aug. 9, 2023
- **Medicaid Unwinding – Continuous Enrollment End Date March 31, 2023**
 - **Starting April 1, 2023 –states can and have started closing Medicaid cases for individuals no longer eligible.**
 - **Phase out of 6.2% FMAP:**

| 2023 Calendar Overview | Temporary FMAP Increase Available |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Q1: January 1-March 31, 2023 | 6.2 percentage points |
| Q2: April 1-June 30, 2023 | 5.0 percentage points |
| Q3: July 1-September 30, 2023 | 2.5 percentage points |
| Q4: October 1-December 31, 2023 | 1.5 percentage points |



Administrative and Regulatory Updates

- **IHS New Website on Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction Projects:** [DSFC Hub Site \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- **ACF Proposes to Eliminate Cost Share for Tribal Child Support Enforcement Programs**
- **CDC Director Rochelle Walensky steps down**
- **CDC Launches a New Tribal Public Health Data Site**
- **CMS All Tribes Webinar on Reducing Burden of Illness of Diabetes**



Admin. and Reg. Updates Contd.

- **DEA Continues to Allow Providers to Prescribe controlled substances through telehealth**
- **FDA Approves Over-the-Counter Narcan**
- **VA Adds Chiropractic Services to Covered Medical Benefits**
- **VA Released Final Rule on Co-Payment Exemption for Indian Veterans**



Consultations, Listening & Learning Sessions

(incl. Written Comment Deadlines)

Office of Management and Budget Tribal Consultation on Mandatory Funding for IHS

- **May 30, 2023 at 2pm PT** – NPAIHB Tribal Leaders Caucus (OMB TC and HIT Modernization)
- **Jun. 2, 2023 at 11am PT**; written comments due **Jun. 30** to consultation@omb.eop.gov

HHS Region 10 Tribal Consultation

- **Aug. 10-11, 2023 in Anchorage, AK**

HHS Annual Tribal Budget Consultation

- Written testimony due **May 19, 2023**

IHS HIT Modernization Consultation on Resources

- **May 10, 2023 at 10:30 am PT**

HHS Office of Civil Rights Tribal Consultation on HIPAA to Support Reproductive Health Care Policy

- Virtual consultation on **May 17 at 11am PT**



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Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

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| Jun 2 | OMB Tribal Consultation on Mandatory Funding for IHS <i>11:00 AM PT—Virtual</i> |
| Jun 4-9 | National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-year Conference <i>Prior Lake, MN</i> |
| Jun 7-8 | IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting <i>Washington, D.C.</i> |
| Jun 13-15 | Administration for Children and Families Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting <i>Klamath Tribes, OR</i> |
| Jul 19-20 | Region 10 Opioid Summit <i>Vancouver, WA</i> |
| Jul 24-27 | Joint NPAIHB and CRIHB Quarterly Board Meeting <i>Siletz, OR</i> |
| Aug 9-10 | HHS Region 10 Tribal Consultation <i>Anchorage, AK</i> |
| Aug 22-24 | National Tribal Opioid Summit <i>Tulalip Tribes, WA</i> |



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Please contact Candice Jimenez at cjimenez@npaihb.org for more information on any of these meetings.

NPAIHB Policy Resources

- Weekly – Legislative and Policy Updates (Tuesdays)
 - Federal Health Agency and Congress Tracker (FHACT) –  118th Congress
- Weekly – Cindy Darcy's D.C. Legislative Update (Fridays)



Questions/Comments



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