

NPAIHB Weekly Update

June 27, 2023

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INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Information for Today's Call

Agenda

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

Guidelines

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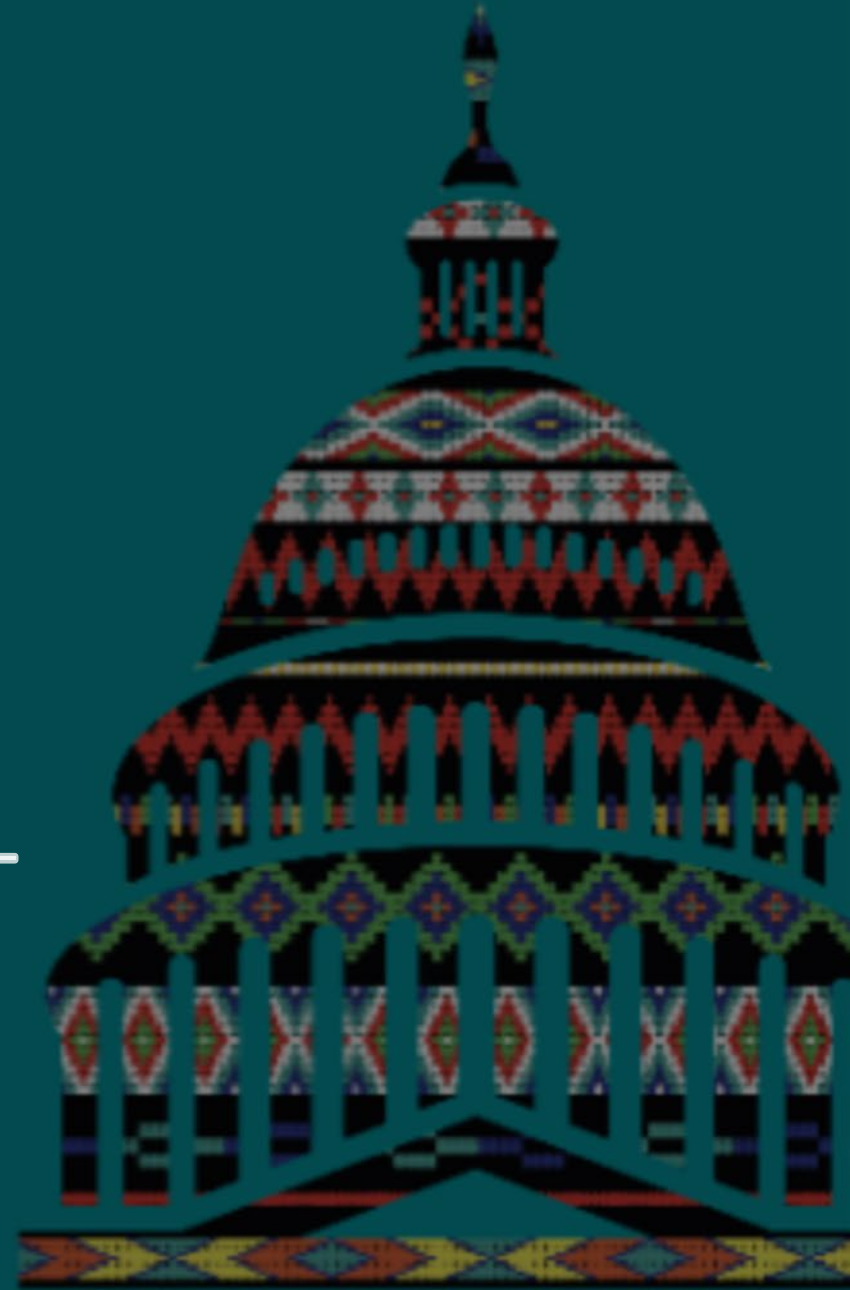


Upcoming Indian Country ECHO telehealth opportunities

- **Grand Rounds ECHO**
 - Tuesday, June 27th at 12pm PT
 - Topic: *HIV and PrEP in Indigenous Communities: Initiating PrEP*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/grand-rounds/>
- **emRIC ECHO** – 4th Wednesday of every month at 8am PT
 - Wednesday, June 28th at 8am PT
 - Topic: *Naltrexone in the ED*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/emergency-medicine-echo-program/>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – Wednesdays at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, June 28th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Starting a Harm Reduction Program at Cass Lake*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c/>
- **Maternal and Child Health ECHO**– Last Thursday of every month at 12pm PT
 - Thursday, June 29th at 12pm PT
 - Topic: *Summer Child Passenger Safety*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/maternal-and-child-health/>

LEGISLATIVE &
*POLICY
UPDATE*

June 27, 2023
Tuesday THD Call
Virtual
NPAIHB Health Policy Team



Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- Welcome 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!

NPAIHB Policy team

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- Candice Jimenez,
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Indian Child Welfare Act!

- *Brackeen v. Haaland* decision
- SCOTUS decision reinforces years of legal precedent that tribes and tribal citizens have a sovereign right to self-determination and preservation of our cultural identities

**PROTECT
ICWA**

THANK YOU

**TO EVERYONE WHO ADVOCATED
FOR ICWA TO BE UPHELD AND FOR
SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF
NATIVE KIDS AND FAMILIES**

Legislative Updates

- **Senate and House Recess** (*two weeks!*)
- **Fiscal Responsibility Act, H.R. 3746 & FY 2024 Appropriations**
- **(FEND) Off Fentanyl Act, S. 1271 – Senate Committee**
- **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

- **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)
- **CDC Director Rochelle Walensky to step down June 30; Former Health Secretary of North Carolina to become 20th Director**
- **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)

NIH All of Us Tribal Engagement Program hosting [Tribal Listening Sessions](#)

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

- Written comments due **Jun. 30** to consultation@omb.eop.gov

CDC Tribal Consultation on CDCs Rape Prevention and Education Program

- Tribal Consultation on **Jul 12** at 11:00 AM PST; Written Comments due **Jul 24**

HHS Region 10 Tribal Consultation

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



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Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

Jun 26-29	2023 Tribal Self-Governance Conference Tulsa, Oklahoma
Jun 27-29	Our Nations, Our Journeys 2023: Healing from the Opioid Epidemic through Strengths-based Approaches, Data Sov. Prior Lake, Minnesota
Jun 28	National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting Virtual
Jun 28-29	IHS Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board (FAAB) Meeting Virtual
Jul 19-20	Region 10 Opioid Summit Vancouver, WA
Jul 24-27	Joint NPAIHB and CRIHB Quarterly Board Meeting Siletz, OR
Aug 9-10	HHS Region 10 Tribal Consultation Anchorage, AK
Aug 22-24	National Tribal Opioid Summit Tulalip Tribes, WA



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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)



State Partner Updates

- Washington
- Oregon
- Idaho



Questions/Comments

NPAIHB will be closed on July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Next NPAIHB
Weekly Update:

Tuesday, July 11, 2023



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