

NPAIHB Weekly Update

August 27, 2024

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Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Prayer: Nancy Bennett
- Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Sessions
- Upcoming NPAIHB Weekly Update Sessions
- NPAIHB Events, Resources & Announcements
- Legislative & Policy Update: NPAIHB Health Policy Team
- IHS & State Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments

Guidelines

- Please place yourself on mute unless speaking
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- Use the chat box for questions, for Q&A after updates and announcements



Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Care and Access for Pregnant People ECHO** – 4th Tuesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Tuesday, August 27th at 11am PT
 - Topic: *Vaccine Updates in Pregnancy: Prevention, Education, and Outreach for Indigenous Communities*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/pregnancy-care-echo-program/>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – Wednesdays at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, August 28th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Open Patient Case Discussions*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c/>
- **Dementia Caregiver Support ECHO** – 4th Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, August 29th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Voices of the Caregiver*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/dementia-caregiver-support-echo/>

Weekly Update Schedule Preview: September

Topics coming in September (dates TBD):

- NWTEC Update New Tribal Memoranda of Agreement for Data Sharing (rescheduled from August 20)
- Immunization & Respiratory Disease Season Preparation
- New WSU Analytics Center
- Legislative & Policy Update



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Visit www.npaihb.org/weeklyupdate for upcoming topics, past presentations, and more!

Upcoming NPAIHB Events

Northwest Tribal Food Sovereignty Gathering

September 3-5

Heritage University, Toppenish, WA

Register at:

<https://lil.ms/ombw>



**Northwest Tribal
Food Sovereignty
Coalition Annual
Gathering**

 **Location:** Heritage University, 3240 Fort Rd, Toppenish, WA 98948

 **Date and time:** Tue, Sep 3, 2024 5:00 PM - Thu, Sep 5, 2024 5:00 PM

Join us for two days filled with inspiring knowledge keepers, tasty foods, and community building at Heritage University.



Register now here: <http://lil.ms/ombw>



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NPAIHB Events Calendar: <https://www.npaihb.org/npaihb-events/>

2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine

- FDA approved and authorized the 2024-mRNA COVID-19 vaccines on 8/22
 - Omicron variant KP2 strain, to more closely target currently circulating variants
 - [See the full FDA announcement](#)
- **Current CDC recommendations:**
 - Everyone ages 6 months and older should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine
 - Helps protect against severe disease, hospitalization, and death
 - Especially important for those 65 and older, are at high risk for severe COVID-19, or have never received a COVID-19 vaccine
 - Vaccine protection decreases over time, so it's important to stay up to date
- **Stay tuned for more info about vaccines, including ordering!**



Do You Have Extra COVID-19 Funds?

- **Use them for issues related to COVID-19:**
 - We know commercial tobacco use and substance use rose during the pandemic.
 - We know that mental health declined during the pandemic, in general and suicide ideation/attempts went up and fluctuated during the pandemic.
 - We know that routine immunizations are lagging.
 - We know that long COVID is a disability.
- Use extra funds for supplies to address any of these issues related to pandemic recovery, including cultural practice recovery; or order additional testing supplies and masks to have on hand. Think creatively.



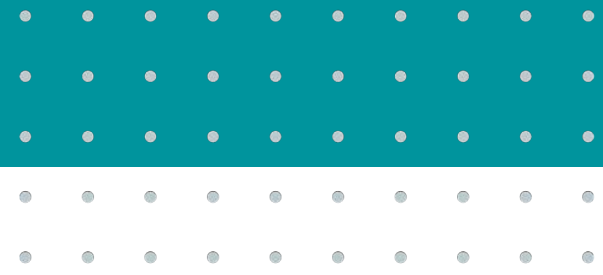
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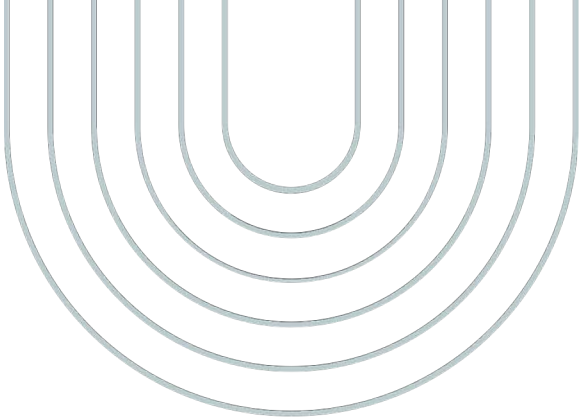


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REGIONAL SPECIALTY REFERRAL CENTER





PROBLEM

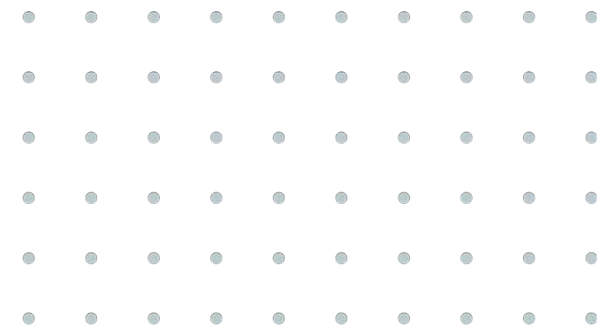
The recently enacted Further Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024 rescinds \$1.25B from the HHS NEF account by September 30, 2024.

The \$1.25B HHS NEF account includes the facility design and build funding.

PURPOSE

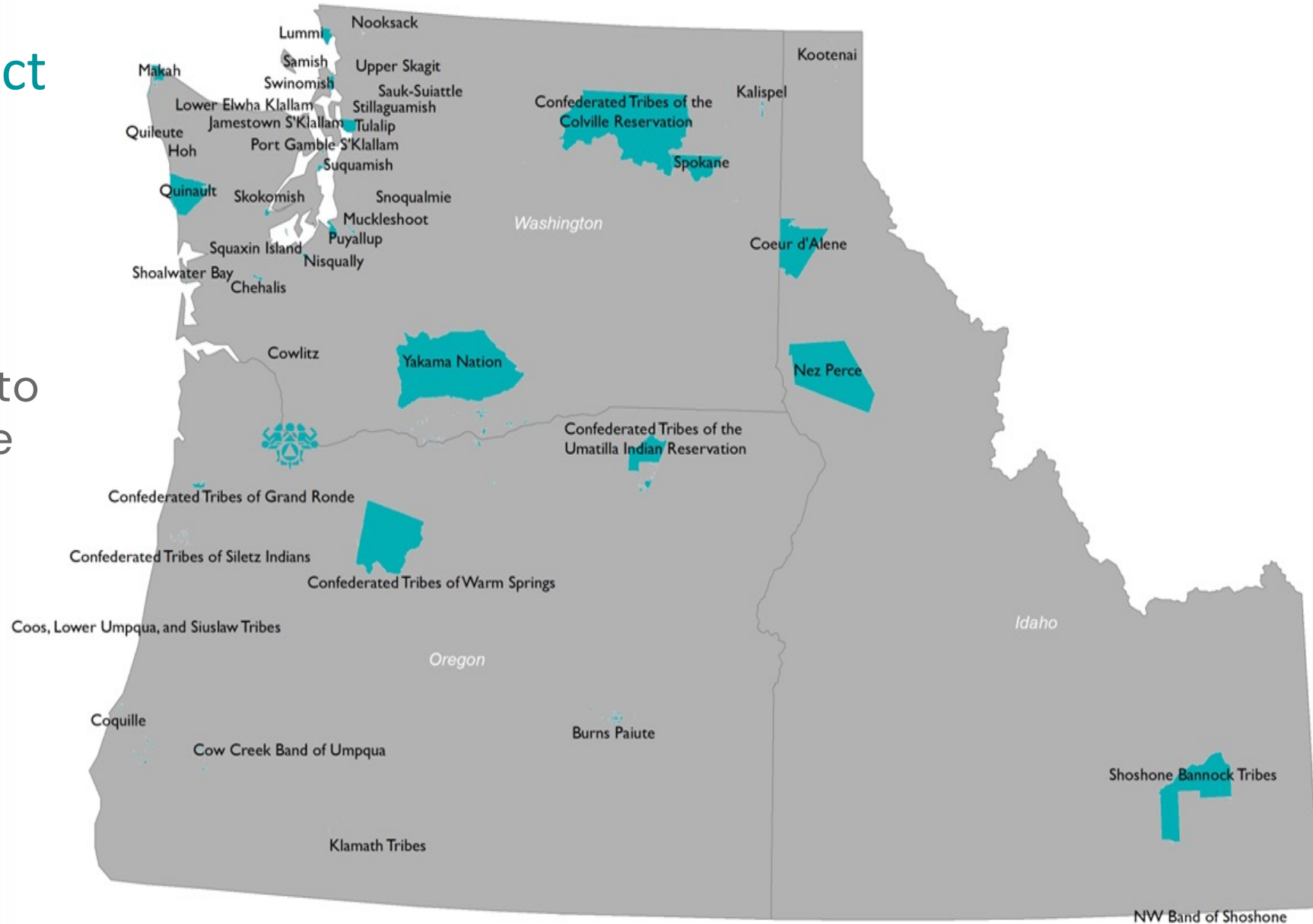
The project aims to demonstrate the benefits of regionalized specialty care and establish planning criteria for future facilities.

The facility is projected to be the first of three in the region.



P.L. 93-638 Contract

NPAIHB Delegates gathered last week and voted on an updated resolution to ensure the NEF were obligated and secured for the first Portland Area Regional Specialty Referral Center





NPAIHB Website
The NPAIHB Policy website has up to date RSRC resources and documents



RESOURCES



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FY 2025 Appropriations

1. House Appropriations Committee
2. Senate Appropriations Committee
3. FY 2025 Continuing Appropriations Resolution



Indian Health Care Improvement Act

Amendments

1. Zoonotic diseases
2. IHS Scholarship and Loan Recipients



Bills Considered for Markup

1. History and Cultural Educational Training
2. Professional Conduct of a Licensee of a State
3. Standardized and Centralized to Credential Licensed Health Professionals



New Bills of Interest

1. Audio-only telehealth flexibilities
2. Additional support to combat the opioid epidemic

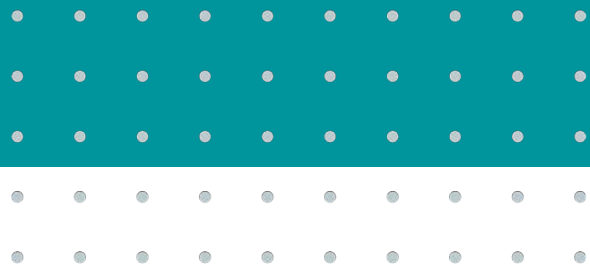


WA AGO-NPAIHB MMIWP Task Force Round Table & Site Visit



CMS Updates

National

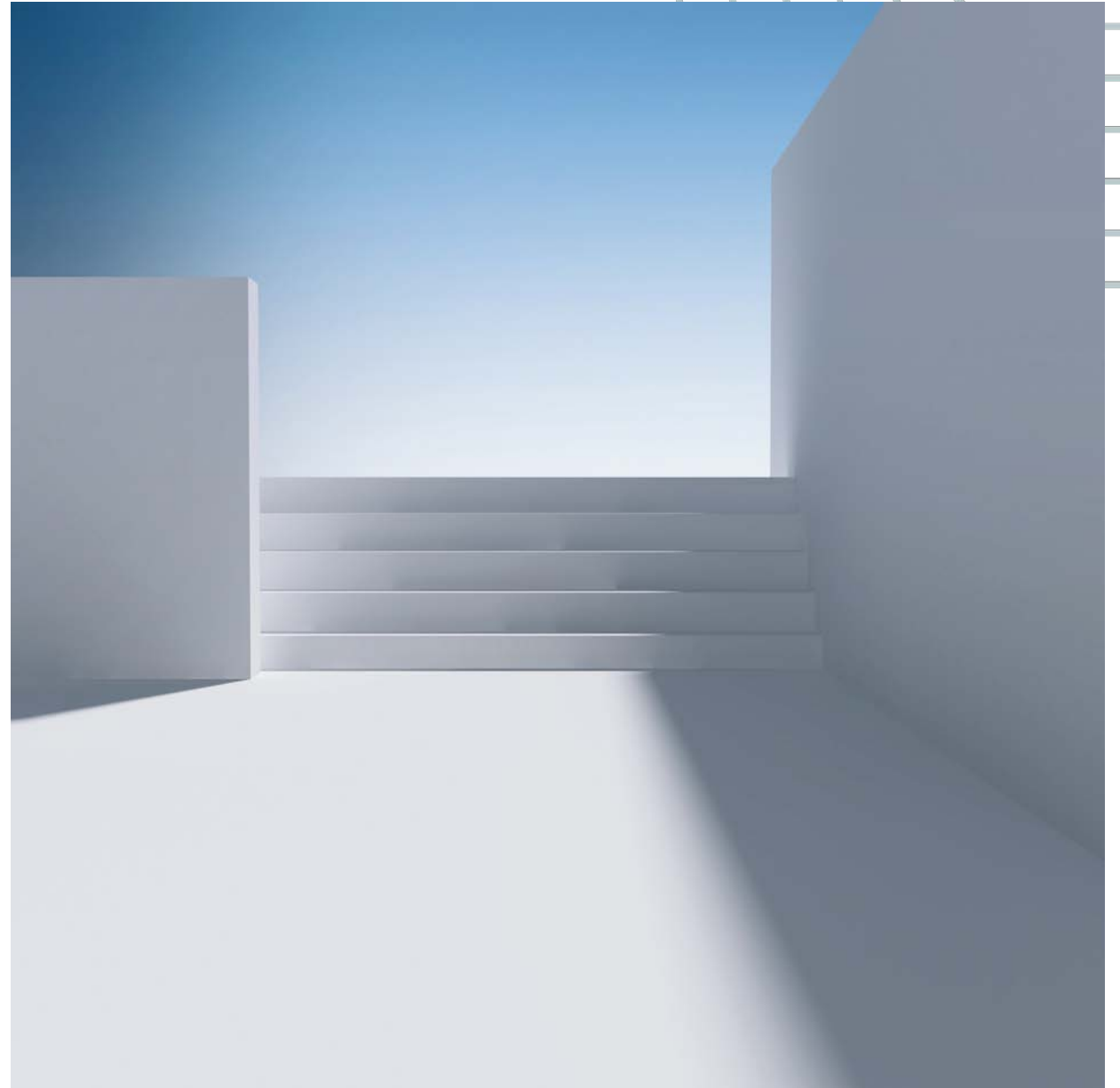


CMS Proposed Rule: 4 Wall Issue Exception

This proposed rule would provide exceptions to the Medicaid clinic services benefit four walls requirement for Indian Health Service and Tribal clinics, and, at state option, for behavioral health clinics and clinics located in rural areas.

Comments Due: Sep 9, 2024

**Tribal Caucus will be
scheduled in August**



CMS Proposed Rule Changes Cont'd

- **Narrows the description of “custody” for purposes of Medicare’s no legal obligation to pay payment exclusion.**
- **Revises the eligibility requirements in the special enrollment period (SEP) for formerly incarcerated individuals** to tie the eligibility for this SEP to the determination made by the Social Security Administration that they are no longer incarcerated for releases that occur on and after January 1, 2025.
- **Proposes to codify** the requirement in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023) to provide **12 months of continuous eligibility to children under the age of 19 in Medicaid and CHIP, with limited exceptions.**
- **Requests** further information related to a Tribal Technical Advisory Group request to **apply the Indian Health Service encounter rate to all outpatient tribal clinics.**

Comments Due: Sep 9, 2024

IHS ISAC Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting
Rockville, MD/Hybrid

August 27, 2024

DSTAC 4th Quarter Meeting
Location TBD/Hybrid

September 10-12, 2024

UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL MEETINGS

Tribal Behavioral Health Conference 2024
Ridgefield, WA

August 27-29, 2024

HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory
Committee (STAC)

Puyallup, WA

September 10-13, 2024



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UPCOMING DEADLINES

Region X Tribal Consultation Comments

Comments due: September 1, 2024

IHS HIT Modernization Series 3: Multi-Tenant
Domain Considerations

Comments Due: September 6, 2024

HHS OASH Tribal Consultation on the Syphilis
and Congenital Syphilis Outbreak

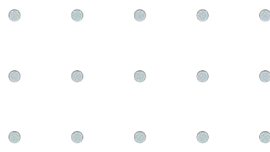
Comments due: September 5, 2024

CMS Proposed Four Walls Exemption

Comments due: September 9, 2024

Monthly

Weekly



At NPAIHB Weekly Update
via Zoom (4th Tuesday @ 10 AM)

Legislative and Policy
Updates

NPAIHB POLICY RESOURCES

Cindy Darcy's D.C.
Legislative Updates

Quarterly Board Meeting
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THANK YOU!

Please reach out if you have any questions.



IHS & State Partner Updates



Comments
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