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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act includes a requirement for the Indian Health Service (IHS) to provide a report to Congress that describes the comprehensive, national, ranked list of all health care facilities' needs, including specialized health care facilities (such as long-term care, substance abuse treatment, dialysis facilities, psychiatric facilities, etc.), wellness centers, and staff quarters. This report is due to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the House Natural Resources Sub-Committee on Indian, Insular and Native American Affairs in early 2016.

The Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) has recommended that tribal leaders identify the top five health care facility needs from existing and recently authorized facility types over the next ten years. The data will be used to prioritize the agency's efforts to develop planning criteria, operational principles, and guidelines for newly authorized facilities that will be added to future IHS Area Master Plans. This data will have no impact on the existing, congressionally endorsed, Health Care Facilities Construction Priority list.

I am requesting your input in identifying your Tribe's top five health care facilities construction needs from the enclosed list page in rank order. Number one represents your highest priority. Please provide this information by June 1, 2015 by e-mail to consultation@ihs.gov with a subject line of "FAAB" or by postal mail to:

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Thank you for your input on this very important program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure