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## **Helping Ensure Accountability, Leadership, and Transparency in Tribal Healthcare Act (HEALTTH Act) Released Today**

Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD), Reps. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Brad Ashford (D-NE), Adrian Smith (R-NE), and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) introduced the Helping Ensure Accountability, Leadership, and Transparency in Tribal Healthcare Act (HEALTTH Act) today, which proposes changes to the Indian Health Service (IHS).

This legislation aims to address issues within IHS such as contracting, recruitment and billing. More specifically, included are provisions to:

- *Improve IHS's ability to secure long-term contracts for hospitals in emergency conditions.*
- *Address recruitment issues for medical and administrative staff.*
- *Require IHS to develop a new formula for allocating Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Program.*
- *Require IHS to negotiate Medicare-like rates for services it pays for with private providers.*
- *Require IHS to address the backlog of PRC payments to private providers.*

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