



April 13, 2026

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) is recruiting primary and alternate delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Tribal Advisory Committee (CIIH TAC), from across the geographic areas served by the Indian Health Service (IHS).

The aim is to fill three (3) Primary Delegate and three (3) National At-Large Delegate vacancies among Tribal partners to the ending of the CIIH TAC members' 2-year terms. Through the Joint Explanatory Statement (JES) accompanying the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed OMH to create the CIIH to advance Indigenous solutions that ultimately address health disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations. Congress identified four CIIH priority areas: research, education, service, and policy development. The JES accompanying the subsequent annual appropriations acts has included language for OMH to continue funding the CIIH.

OMH established the CIIH TAC to provide Tribal leaders a forum to exchange views, share information, and provide feedback to OMH in the development of activities addressing the four CIIH priority areas. The CIIH TAC supports, but does not supplant, other government-to-government consultation activities that OMH undertakes.

Nominated CIIH TAC delegates must be: (1) elected tribal officials from a federally recognized tribe acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their tribe, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe; or (2) individuals designated by an elected tribal official. Designees must have the authority to act on behalf of the tribal official and the tribe and be qualified to represent the views of the AI/AN tribes in the IHS area from which they are nominated.

We encourage you to submit your nomination letter no later than **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, to [minorityhealth@hhs.gov](mailto:minorityhealth@hhs.gov). Please use the following email subject line: CIIH TAC Nomination. OMH will continue to receive nominations until all TAC primary and alternate delegate positions are filled.

If you have questions about the nomination process for CIIH TAC delegates, please email [minorityhealth@hhs.gov](mailto:minorityhealth@hhs.gov).

We look forward to continuing partnerships that help address the pressing health priorities across the country and improve the health of AI/AN populations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Mofidi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

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Attachments:

CIIH TAC Sample Nomination Letter

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