

# Self-Governance Options at the Tribal Level

**PROGRAM RE-DESIGN**

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**SERVING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

# WHY SELF GOVERNANCE?

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- ❖ Fundamental belief by Tribe/Tribal Organization that they can do a better job of delivering health care than the federal government
- ❖ Tribe/Tribal Organization has greatest autonomy as customer-owner
- ❖ Access to Headquarters & Area Tribal Shares to help build Tribal infrastructure capacity
- ❖ Compact language negotiated w/Broad Scopes of work & benefits of Title V negotiated rule making provisions & protections
- ❖ Greatest flexibility to redesign programs & reprogram funds

# PROGRAM REDESIGN

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- ❖ Tribes design & develop programs/services based on locally determined needs & priorities
- ❖ Tribes can leverage other funds including state & federal grants, 3<sup>rd</sup> party and other Tribal resources to create a whole Tribal program
- ❖ Tribes benefit from budget line item & Tribal Share reprogramming & carryover authorities

# BUDGET RE-ASSIGNMENT

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- ✘ Reprogramming authority is essential for planning & program development
- ✘ Tribes are more flexible and can move with alacrity to redesign programs & reprogram funding based on need
- ✘ Ability to immediately respond to changing fiscal conditions, i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> party revenue decreases, grant changes, etc.
- ✘ Ability to address other grant shortfalls or mandatory caps for certain line items, i.e. Indirect caps
- ✘ Ability to leverage IHS \$\$ with other funding sources for construction & equipment
- ✘ Funds can be used as seed money for program startups, one-time equipment needs, special programs which are beyond typical IHS services

Program Redesign & Budget Re-Assessment

**TRIBAL SELF GOVERNANCE  
SUCCESS STORIES**

# TRIBAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- ❖ Typical IHS Advisory Boards replaced by consumer-focused Tribal Governing Boards with policy & fiscal authority
- ❖ Establish Process for Tribal Consumer-Owner input into health system policy & financial decision making
- ❖ Real time Accountability to Tribal Members i.e. consumer relations, budget priorities aligned with health status issues & community priorities
- ❖ Corporate Compliance & Quality Improvement policies & processes built-in
- ❖ Annual audits, reports

# COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

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- ✘ Tribal Community partnerships: Tribal Councils, Community groups, statewide & national associations
- ✘ State & Federal government collaborations
- ✘ IHS/Tribal Collaboration & recognition of co-management of Indian health system
- ✘ Private corporations & foundations

# SERVING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

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- ✘ Direct Tribal Accountability & Responsiveness
- ✘ Tribal Leadership engaged in community health planning & priorities and owner
- ✘ Care Coordination Team includes patients, family & community
- ✘ Holistic health: mind, body, spirit
- ✘ Economic impact: jobs, workforce development, economic opportunities for Tribes
- ✘ Creating a Vision for the future & drawing a roadmap to achieve healthy communities considering all influences & resources i.e. education, socio-economic factors, changing environmental factors, social acceptance of norms, etc.
- ✘ Quality-driven, motivation to share evidenced-based best practices