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**Tribal Leaders & Self-Governance Coordinators:**

*Please share the following information with your Tribal Leaders and all interested parties in your area. Thank you.*



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**August 31, 2011**

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### **HHS Hosts Second Affordable Care Act Consultation in Denver**

On Friday, August 12, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a series of three tribal consultations on the Affordable Care Act (ACA). HHS plans to host its second ACA consultation in Denver, CO on Wednesday, September 7. The consultation will focus on three topic areas including eligibility expansions under the ACA, proposed rulemaking on affordable insurance exchanges, and gross income tax exclusions. The consultation session will provide a general overview of the ACA and the specific provisions related to the three stated topic areas followed by a consultation for the particular topic. In addition to the Denver consultation, HHS will host its third tribal consultation in Washington, DC September 15-16. The dates and location details are listed below:

#### **SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

Denver, Colorado  
9:00 AM – 5:30 PM  
Embassy Suites: Downtown 1420 Stout St.  
Denver, CO 80202  
Click [here](#) for the agenda.

#### **SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2011**

Washington, DC  
HHH Building: Great Hall  
200 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
Agenda not yet available

Pre-registration is not required. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at 202-690-6060.

More information about the consultation sessions and topics click [here](#).

## **HHS Issues Update on ACA Implementation**

Friday, August 26, 2011, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) issued a decision relative to a lingering question about [differing definitions](#) of “Indian” found throughout the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Dr Roubideaux reports that though, “the use of different definitions of Indians when it comes to the individual responsibility exemption, the cost sharing reductions, and Medicaid is cumbersome for individuals, Tribes, and Exchanges is cumbersome...options [for the adoption of a uniform definition] are limited by the statutory language.”

Recommendations for a [uniform definition](#) of the term “Indian” for purposes of implementing the ACA have been issued by the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Committee, the National Indian Health Board, and the National Congress of American Indians,

To read the decision, click [here](#).

## **ACF Signs Tribal Consultation Policy**

On Thursday, August 18, 2011 Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, George Sheldon, signed the Administration for Children and Families’ (ACF) Tribal Consultation Policy. The Tribal Consultation Policy outlines the process through which consultation can be initiated and different modes of consultation, guarantees an annual ACF consultation, and defines 45 days as the time period for notification. Tribal leaders, program directors, and tribal attorneys provided testimony to several principles from every ACF bureau.

Send all written testimony for the record to the address or e-mail below before September 27, 2011.

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Click [here](#) to read ACF’s Tribal Consultation Policy.

## **NIHB’s Washington Report Now Available**

A new issue of the National Indian Health Board’s [Washington Report](#) is now available online. The report provides weekly updates from Capitol Hill. This week, NIHB provides a recap of the Debt Ceiling Deal and the new guidelines announced for women’s preventative care.

## **CNCS Announces AmeriCorp Planning Grant Funding Opportunity**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) today kicked off its 2012 AmeriCorps grant competition releasing funding notice for tribal planning grants. Planning grants support the development of AmeriCorps programs so applicants are better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps grant in the following grant cycle. The actual level of funding will be subject to the availability of

annual appropriations, which have not yet been made. Applicants may apply for up to a maximum of \$50,000. Organizations applying for planning grants must not have previously received an AmeriCorps grant.

To read and apply for the funding opportunity, click [here](#).

*(Info/Fwd Courtesy of NCAI)*

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*Thank you and hope all is well,  
SGCE Tribal Consortium Staff.*

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