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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable, including American Indians and Alaska Natives.

I am writing with new information on HRSA's Shortage Designation Modernization Project (SDMP) related to Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations. The National Shortage Designation Update 2.0, which included updates to geographic, population, and automatically designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), was completed on September 14, 2021. The SDMP, and this most recent update, aims to promote accountability, transparency, and parity in the shortage designation process. To learn more, visit the Shortage Designation Modernization Project web page at <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/workforce-shortage-areas/shortage-designation/modernization-project>.

To see your current, updated scores, log into the Auto-HPSA portal at <https://programportal.hrsa.gov/extranet/landing.seam> using your existing Bureau of Health Workforce portal account for National Health Service Corps or Nurse Corps or visit the SDMP page on the HRSA Data Warehouse at <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>.

HRSA is committed to supporting the health workforce needs of Tribal Nations and Urban Indian Organizations. To ensure that HPSA scores are equitable and transparent and accurately reflect relative needs, we continue to allow for submission of Tribal-specific data via the Auto-HPSA Portal. HRSA looks forward to strengthening its relationship with Tribes and Tribal organizations on delivering health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the SDMP at SDMP@hrsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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