

provide loans, grants, and forbearance for small businesses, minority-owned businesses, and consumers, especially in low-income and underserved communities, including persistent poverty counties, that may be disproportionately impacted by the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing direct and indirect capital investments in low- and moderate-income community financial institutions.

Applications, a state regulator response form, and eligible applicant intent to participate form were previously approved under OMB Control Number 1505-0267. Following review of the applications, Treasury will enter into letter agreements (agreements) with participating financial institutions. These agreements contain standardized information collection necessary for the legal closing process. The agreements collect information from applicants in two general categories: (1) administrative information needed to facilitate payments and notifications and (2) disclosures to Treasury (e.g., litigation or exceptions to representations and warranties). Participants are the only parties that can provide information of this type to Treasury. Treasury will publish this form on the Treasury website. Based on this publication, Treasury will provide an opportunity for eligible applicants to review the terms and conditions of the investments prior to indicating to Treasury whether the institution intends to participate in the Program.

**Form Name:** Letter Agreements; Applicant Notification Letter.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector, Businesses or other for-profits, Non-profit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 372 respondents.

**Frequency of Response:** One time annually.

**Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:** 372 total responses (186 annual responses to Letter Agreements; 186 annual responses to Applicant Notification Letter).

**Estimated Time per Response:** 8 hours annually for Letter Agreements; 15 minutes for response to Applicant Notification Letter.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1535 hours.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of

the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Tribal Consultation and Request for Comments on New Agreement Template Draft for VA's Indian Health Services/Tribal Health Program Reimbursement Agreements

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will facilitate a tribal consultation session regarding the expansion of VA's Indian Health Services/Tribal Health Program's (IHS/THP) Reimbursement Agreements Program to include Purchase Referred Care (PRC) and Contracted Travel. VA seeks tribal feedback to assist with drafting an updated Reimbursement Agreement template for the lower 48 states. Input requested includes, but is not limited to, the agreement scope of service, payment rates and invoicing or billing submissions.

**DATES:** VA will hold an in-person consultation on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. (EST) at the Hyatt Regency Washington, 400 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001, which will be hosted by the National Indian Health Board. Additionally, VA will hold a virtual consultation on September 30, 2022, between 1-2 p.m. (EST). Written comments must be received on or before September 30, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Participants can attend the in-person consultation at the Hyatt Regency Washington, 400 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001. Participants can also access the virtual session by logging into: <https://>

[vacctraining.adobeconnect.com/r400v3p2dbjq/](https://vacctraining.adobeconnect.com/r400v3p2dbjq/).

Written comments may also be submitted by any of the following methods: **Email:** [tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov) or **Mail:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VHA 16, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kara Hawthorne, Program Manager, VA Office of Integrated Veteran Care, at [Tribal.Agreements@va.gov](mailto:Tribal.Agreements@va.gov) or 303-780-4826. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Utilizing the authorities found in 25 U.S.C. 1645(c), Sharing Arrangements with Federal Agencies; and 38 U.S.C. 8153, Sharing of Health-Care Resources, VA, IHS/THP and Urban Indian Organizations (UIO) have created the Reimbursement Agreements Program. This program provides a means for IHS/THP and UIO health facilities to receive reimbursement from VA for direct care services provided to eligible American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans. These tribal consultation sessions are seeking input from tribal governments regarding a draft agreement that expands the current agreements to include PRC and Contract Travel. The draft agreement was sent to tribal leadership and can be obtained by emailing [Tribal.Agreements@va.gov](mailto:Tribal.Agreements@va.gov). Expansion of the agreements to cover such care is authorized by, and consistent with, section 2 of the Proper and Reimbursed Care for Native Veterans Act, Public Law 116-311, which amended section 405(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (codified at 25 U.S.C. 1645) by clarifying the authority to reimburse for direct care services provided by IHS/THP or UIO health facilities regardless of whether the services are provided directly by such organizations, through purchased/referred care, or through a contract for travel described in 25 U.S.C. 1621(b).

### Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on September 12, 2022, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Luvenia Potts,**

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