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Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Public Health, Division of Oral Health, announces the availability of funds in fiscal year (FY) 2001 to support up to three Periodontal Disease and Diabetes Model Program awards. The purpose of these awards is to improve the periodontal health of American Indians and Alaska Native people with diabetes.

Application instructions and two peer review journal articles are enclosed for your information. The applications must be received by April 15, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact Fred Skrepcinski, D.D.S., IHS Periodontal Consultant, on (505) 248-4364.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures