

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Phoenix Area Indian Health Service
Southwest Region - Office of Human Resources
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Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Native American Indian Candidates or Alaska Natives in accordance with the INDIAN PREFERENCE ACT, TITLE 25, US CODE, SECTION 472 & 473. In other than the above, the Indian Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:	OPENING DATE:	CLOSING DATE:
PXIHS-09-08-OC	01/01/2009	12/31/2009

POSITION TITLE/SERIES/GRADE:	Medical Officer (Specialty Fields), GS-0602-11/12/13/14/15
TITLE 38 SALARY RANGE:	\$150,000 to \$175,000 per annum* *Salary includes Market Pay.
PROMOTION POTENTIAL:	GS-12/13/14/15
SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL:	No
RELOCATION EXPENSES:	The Indian Health Service may or may not pay or assume liability for personal travel, moving expenses, or other relocation costs incurred in accepting employment. To be determined on a case-by-case basis.
APPOINTMENT/WORK SCHEDULE:	Positions may be filled as permanent, term, or temporary, with a full-time, part-time, rotational, or intermittent schedule. Positions to be filled as vacancies occur.
AREA OF CONSIDERATION:	All Sources
DUTY LOCATIONS:	Fort Yuma, Parker, Peach Springs, Polacca, San Carlos, Regional Treatment Center, Tucson, Whiteriver, Native American Cardiology Program, AZ; Elko, Schurz, NV; and Roosevelt, UT.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Medical Officers advise on, administer, supervise, or perform professional work in one or more fields of medicine and clinical specialty fields generally concerned with individual specialties such as anesthesiology, immunology and allergy, dermatology, emergency medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics-gynecology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, pathology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, preventative medicine, psychiatry, radiology, surgery and urology. Practicing medicine involving diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services to patients in hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centers, etc. General practice physicians in the Federal service typically treat common diseases, ailments, and injuries of persons reporting to sick call, conduct periodic physical examinations, and provide immunization against common diseases. General practitioners must be skilled in recognized various medical pathologies that require referral to specialists for specialized diagnostic and treatment procedures. Duties will vary according to location of the position and applicants may obtain more information as vacancies occur.

Applicants must indicate the specialty area for which they are applying.

WHO MAY APPLY: All Sources. Federal employment status is not required. U.S. citizenship is required.

- Excepted Service Examining Plan Candidates (ESEP) – Individuals entitled to Indian Preference who wish to be considered for excepted appointment in IHS, under authority of 5 CFR, Part 213, Schedule A 213.3116(B)(8).
- Merit Promotion Plan Candidates (MPP) – Current permanent competitive Federal status employees, reinstatement eligible, and current IHS Indian Preference individuals and/or individuals who are eligible for excepted appointment in IHS under some other authority (e.g., handicapped authority, etc).
- PHS Commissioned Corps Officers – Current active or inactive Commissioned Officers may apply.
- Veteran's Preference - Preference eligible veterans who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.
- Non-status Candidates – Applications will also be accepted from non-status candidates (individuals who have never been employed by the federal government) and individuals eligible for non-competitive appointments (e.g., applicants eligible for appointment under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, those with a 30 or more compensable service connected disability).

Indian Preference applicants must indicate on their applications whether they are applying under the MPP, ESEP, or both. If not indicated, they will be considered under the MPP.

Qualified disabled applicants (Rehabilitation Act of 1973) and disabled veterans with 30% or more disability are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be made for qualified applicants with disabilities, except when doing so would impose undue hardship on the Indian Health Service.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Selectee(s) are required to be immunized against Measles and Rubella and provide documentation prior to or at the time of their start date. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of the vaccine or are currently pregnant. Selectee must have documented immunity to Rubella and Measles.
2. Selectee(s) are required to complete Security questionnaire and fingerprint chart for investigative purposes under PL 101-630 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. Persons, who have been arrested for or charged with a crime

- involving a child, or violent crime against a person, are not eligible for employment with IHS under PL 101-630.
3. Selectee(s) are required to complete a "Declaration of Federal Employment – Optional Form 306" to determine your suitability for Federal Employment, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Persons making false statements in any part of the application may not be hired; or fired after employment starts; or may be fined.
 4. Males born after December 31, 1959 are required to be registered with the Selective Service System in order to be eligible for employment with the Federal Government.
 5. Selectee(s) are required to have a viable bank account at a financial institution for electronic direct deposit of salary payment.
 6. Some service units operate under extended service hours 7 days per week.
 7. The incumbent may be required to travel and must possess a valid driver's license.
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COMPETITIVE AND EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Basic Requirements: For all grades, candidates must meet the following educational, training, and licensure requirements.

Degree: A Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy degree from a school in the United States or Canada approved by a recognized accrediting body in the year of the applicant's graduation. [A Doctor of Medicine or equivalent degree from a foreign medical school that provided education and medical knowledge substantially equivalent to accredited schools in the United States may be demonstrated by permanent certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) (or a fifth pathway certificate for Americans who completed premedical education in the United States and graduate education in a foreign country.)]

Graduate Training: Subsequent to obtaining a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy degree, a candidate must have had at least one year of supervised experience providing direct service in a clinical setting, i.e., a one year internship or the first year of a residency program in an institution accredited for such training. (This 1 year of supervised experience may be waived for research or administrative positions not requiring direct patient care.) For purposes of this standard, graduate training programs include only those internships, residency, and fellowship programs that are approved by accrediting bodies recognized within the United States or Canada.

- *An internship program* involved broadly based clinical practice in which physicians acquire experience in treating a variety of medical problems under supervision (e.g., internal medicine, surgery, general practice, obstetrics-gynecology, and pediatrics). Such programs are in hospitals or other institutions accredited for internship training by a recognized body of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
- *A residency program* involves training in a specialized field of medicine in an institution accredited for training in the specialty by a recognized body of the American Medical Association (AMA) or AOA.
- *A fellowship program* involves advanced training (beyond residency training) in a given medical specialty in either a clinical or research setting in a hospital or other institution accredited in the United States for such training.

Licensure: For positions involving patient care, candidates must have a permanent, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States. Applications will be accepted from physicians who are not currently licensed; however, if selected for appointment, they must (a) obtain a license before entering on duty, or (b) meet one of the following provisions:

- *Waiver of Licensure Requirement:* An agency may waive the licensure requirement for positions not involving direct patient care, e.g., positions performing disability evaluations, positions performing solely research, or administrative program managers. If the agency does not waive the license requirement for these kinds of positions, candidates may be appointed subject to obtaining a license within 1 year.
- *Appointments Pending Meeting Licensure Requirement:* Individual circumstances may warrant appointments pending meeting the licensure requirement (e.g., when a candidate has a temporary license to practice until the next regular session of the licensing board). Persons appointed pending licensure may not be retained beyond 1 year of appointment if they do not obtain the license.

Additional Requirements for GS-12 and above: The requirements below are grouped according to types of programs – clinical and training, aviation medical, occupational health, disability evaluation, maternal and child health, and research.

Clinical and Training Programs: Within Federal clinical and training programs, a distinction is made between general practice and specialist positions. General practitioners must be skilled in recognizing various medical pathologies that require referral to specialists for diagnostic and treatment procedures. Graduate training and experience must, therefore be well rounded. Specialist positions require graduate training and experience related to the specialty and subspecialty of the position to be filled. Experience may not be substituted for training essential for performing specialized duties. The length of content of residency programs depends upon the specialization and requirements of recognized accrediting American medical specialty boards. These boards are authorized to conduct examinations to determine the competence of physicians in the specialty, to issue certificates of qualification, to participate in evaluating the quality of residency programs, and to determine their requirements for certification. Medical Officers in clinical and training programs practice medicine in hospitals, clinics, or other medical facilities where there is direct service to patients.

General Practice Positions:

For GS-12 – 2 years of graduate training or equivalent experience and training.

For GS-13 – 3 years of graduate training or equivalent experience and training.

For GS-14 and above – In addition to the requirements for GS-13, 1 year of appropriate experience equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

Specialist Positions

For GS-13 – 3 years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or equivalent experience and training.

For GS-14 – 4 years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or equivalent experience and training.

For GS-15 – 5 years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or equivalent experience and training.

PHS Licensure Policy: Each PHS physicians must possess and maintain a current and unrestricted license in a State (you must provide a copy of license).

TIME IN GRADE: Candidates must have completed at least one year of service in a position no more than one grade lower than the position to be filled. (If selected under the Excepted Service Examining Plan, such individuals may be appointed under Schedule A authority without regard to Time-In-Grade requirements.)

LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must meet time-after competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements within 30 calendar days after the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Evaluation is made on the basis of appropriate education, experience, performance appraisals, training, self-development, outside activities and special awards. Experience related to tribal involvement and to Indian community projects will also be evaluated. Applicants will also be evaluated on the following ranking factors, i.e., Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's)

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE on KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSA): On a separate sheet of paper, discuss how you performed (or have potential to develop) the particular knowledge, skill, or abilities listed below. (Failure to submit written responses as part of your application may result in an ineligible rating.)

KSA's Medical Officer, GS-0602-11/12/13/14/15:

1. Skill in providing diagnostic, preventive and/or therapeutic services to patients.
2. Ability to establish rapport and gain the confidence of others (physicians, nurses, members of the medical team, patients, and associates).
3. Ability to communicate in writing, including maintaining patient medical records in the SOAP format.
4. Ability to provide leadership.

HOW TO APPLY/REQUIRED FORMS (Incomplete applications will not be considered): We may hire at any of the grades or locations shown in this announcement. You are encouraged to indicate which grade level(s), salary, or location for which you wish to be considered.

1. Applicants may use one the following to apply: (1) OF-612 Optional Application for Federal Employment, or (2) Resume (See requirements in **Attachment A**).
2. If claiming Indian Preference, BIA 4432 "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS".
3. If claiming Veteran's Preference, copy of DD-214 Form, and SF-15 if claiming 10 point Veteran's Preference.
4. Copy of latest Personnel Action (SF-50), if a current or former employee, and/or if requesting Reinstatement Eligibility.
5. Copy of current unrestricted **Medical License**.
6. Copies of college transcripts. Education will not be given credit without them. To claim credit or if you are substituting education for experience, you are required to provide evidence of the education by providing a copy of your official transcripts. No credit will be given without your transcript.
7. Completed PL 101-630 Questionnaire, Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) (**form attached**).
8. Written Responses to the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) [**OPTIONAL** ~ failure to submit may result in an ineligible rating or substantially lower score].
9. Commissioned Corps Officer: (1) latest COER, (2) current Billet Description, and (3) BIA FORM 4432 if claiming Indian Preference.

Application and required forms must be identified by this announcement number and submitted to the address below:

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Southwest Region – Office of Human Resources
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40 North Central Avenue, Suite 510
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Phone: (602) 364-5219
Fax: (602) 364-5176

Facsimile is acceptable – this office is not responsible for incomplete transmissions. You should duplicate and retain copies, since requests for copies will not be honored. Additional information regarding Federal job opening can be obtained at www.opm.gov, or at USAJOBS www.usajobs.gov or check the IHS Website at www.ihs.gov. All documents are subject to the provision of the Privacy Act (PL 93-579) and become the property of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and subject to retention by this office.

Additional selections of candidates may be made from a promotion certificate within 90 days from the date the selection certificate was issued. The positions to be filled must have the same title, series, and grade, be in the same geographic location, and have the same qualification requirements. However, if there are no qualified Indian preference candidates left on the certificate the vacancy must be re-announced.

Human Resource Specialist: (Call 602-364-5219 to contact a Human Resources Specialist) Date: 01/01/2009

IHS OPERATED PROPERTIES ARE “TOBACCO FREE.”

ATTACHMENT A

Resume Requirements - Your resume or other application format must contain the following information to allow for qualification determination.

- Identify your application/resume by the announcement number, title and grade(s)
- Full Name (first, middle, last ~ include other names used, i.e., maiden name)
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number where you can be reached
- Email Address (if applicable)
- Social Security Number
- Country of citizenship
- Education: list high school and colleges attended, type of degree (list major) received, date of degrees conferred, and city and state of school.
- Work Experience: (include non-paid work as well as paid)
 - Job Title (if Federal employment, indicate series and grade)
 - Duties and Accomplishments
 - Employer's name and Address
 - Employer's name and phone number
 - Starting and ending dates of employment (month/year)
 - Hours of work per week
 - Salary
 - Indicate if you do not want us to contact your current supervisor
(If not specified, it will be assumed that we may do so)
- List job related training (title, year obtained, hours of training)
- Honors or awards received
- License or certificates obtained (submit with application)
- Special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships, leadership and community recognition, etc)

Indicate if you do not want your current supervisor contacted for reference purposes.

ATTACHMENT B

1. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Career Transition Assistant Program (CTAP) if you are a current career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of the DHHS Agency at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, and who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation indication your job is surplus, or notice of removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP you MUST also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.
2. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) if you are a current or former career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of any agency in the competitive service at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. You may also be eligible if you were separated because of a compensable injury and your compensation has been terminated; or you retired with a disability and your disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or you were in receipt of a RIF separation notice and retired on the effective date of the RIF or under discontinued service; or you are a former Military Reserve Technician or National Guard Technician who is receiving a special disability retirement annuity from OPM. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under ICTAP you MUST also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.
3. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP or ICTAP for this vacancy, you MUST also meet ALL of the following:
 - (a) Have a current or last performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. A copy MUST be submitted with your application package. (Note: this requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
 - (b) Be applying for a position at or below the grade level from which you will be, or have been separated, and which does not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you will be, or have been separated.
 - (c) Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
 - (d) File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the applicable criteria. Your application MUST include ALL documents that support your claim of eligibility for priority consideration – RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area; SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, showing that they were separated as a result of RIF, or declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another area; official certification from an agency stating that it cannot place an individual whose injury compensation has been or is being terminated; or official notification from the Military Department or National Guard Bureau that the employee has retired under 5 USC 8337(h) Or 8456.
 - (e) Be rated “well qualified” for this position. A numerical rating of 85 is considered to be well qualified for this position.

Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)
Indian Health Service
Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions

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Item 15a. Agency Specific Questions

Name: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____
(Please print)

Job Title of Announcement: Medical Officer (GP/Spec.) **Announcement Number:** PXIHS-09-08-OC

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 1990, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal Child care positions contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and for the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Section 408 of the Miscellaneous Indian Legislation, Public Law 101-630, requires a criminal record check for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services that involve regular contact with or control over Indian Children. The agency must ensure that persons hired for these positions have not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere to violent crimes.

To assure compliance with the above laws, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment.

1) Have you ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child? YES _____ NO _____

[If YES, provide date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or current court involved.]

2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered in a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or Tribal law involving crimes of violence, sexual assault, molestation, contact or prostitution, or crimes against persons? YES _____ NO _____

[If YES, provide date, explanation of the violence, description of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.]

I certify that (1) my response to these questions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 years imprisonment, or both; and (2) I have received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a copy of any criminal history report made available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report.

Applicant's Signature (sign in ink)

Date

Public Burden Statement: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3), a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Respondents must be informed (on the reporting instrument, in instructions, or in a cover letter) the reasons for which the information will be collected; the way the information will be used to further the proper performance of the functions of the agency; whether responses to the collection of the information are voluntary, required to obtain a benefit (citing authority), or mandatory (citing authority); and the nature and extent of confidentiality to be provided, if any (citing authority). Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the necessary data, and completing and reviewing the collection information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the IHS PRA Information Collection Clearance Staff, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852. **Please do not send completed data collection instruments to this address.**