

Dear Tribal Leaders,

Today the IHS Director posted a January 6, 2012 Dear Tribal Leader Letter regarding tribal consultation on long-term care. Comments are due March 16, 2012 at [consultation@ihs.gov](mailto:consultation@ihs.gov).

## Director's Blog

### Consultation on IHCIA Long-Term Care Provisions

Posted on January 11, 2012

I recently sent a [letter](#) [PDF - 31KB] to all Tribes to request consultation on implementation of the long-term care provisions in the recent permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act included as a part of the Affordable Care Act. I am requesting comments on the recommendations from the November 2010 Conference entitled "Long-Term Care in Indian Country: New Opportunities and New Ideas" and priorities for implementation efforts. While we have not received specific funding for long-term care, I would like to identify actions we can take now while we work through the budget formulation process on this topic. **Comments are due by March 16, 2012.**

- [Key Definitions: Long-Term Care and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act](#) [PDF - 17KB]
- [Long-Term Care in Indian Country: New Opportunities and New Ideas](#) [PDF - 27KB]

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