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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing today to notify you of **some changes on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Web site that will enhance our ability to communicate important updates** to Tribal leadership, health programs, and patients.

The first change is that **The Director's Corner** on the main page of www.ihs.gov has been redesigned to serve as a central place to find updates on important initiatives and activities related to my priorities. The Director's Corner features press releases, presentations, Tribal Leader letters, a link to our site for updates on our IHS reform activities, and other important and timely communications. I encourage you to bookmark this site on your computer and visit it regularly for updates.

The second change is that The Director's Corner will feature a new section, **The Director's Blog**. This blog will serve as a way for me to provide brief and timely updates on my activities and important announcements. I would like to make my activities as the IHS Director more transparent and share more information about what I am doing to help change and improve the IHS. I plan to update this blog at least once weekly, so please check back on a regular basis for updates.

I also plan to post photos of the various Tribal Leaders I meet with during the course of my work. I think it is critical that we showcase the importance of the Government-to-Government relationship and highlight activities that strengthen our partnership, which is my top priority. If you do not want me to post your picture on the Director's Blog, please let me know if we are together at a meeting where pictures are being taken.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to improve health care for the American Indians and Alaska Natives we serve.

Sincerely,

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