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Policy & Legislative Affairs

President Trump Administration Information

- ❖ USET SPF Request to President Trump for Executive Order on U.S. - Tribal Relations 8/16/2017

Announcement of Senior Appointments to the Department of the Interior 5/26/2017
President Donald J. Trump Announces Key Additions to his Administration April 28
Trump Issues Executive Order to Reorganize Executive Branch March 13

- ❖ USET SPF Comments Re: Dear Tribal Leader Letter on Implementation of Executive Order 13871

Ryan Zinke Sworn In as 52nd Secretary of the Interior March 1

Gorsuch cases reviewed – 1.26.2017

Law360 Article - For Tribes Gorsuch Offers Familiar Face In Unfriendly Arena February 1 2017

Turtle Talk Article - Neil Gorsuch Indian Law Record as Tenth Circuit Judge February 1 2017

Politico Story: Neil Gorsuch: Who is he? Bio, facts, background and political views January 31 2017

DeseretNews Article: Appellate court judges blast Utah, 3 counties in tribal jurisdiction case June 16 2015

Law360 Article: 3 Gorsuch Opinions You Need To Read Right Now January 31 2017

Indianz.com Article: 10th Circuit revives Osage beneficiary historical accounting suit September 17 2013

Cabinet Nominations for Trump Administration as of 1/31/17

Senate Democrats letter to President Trump on Hiring Freeze – January 31, 2017

Exec Order on ACA and OMB notice re federal hiring freeze – January 20, 2017

Interior Nominee Zinke to Channel Teddy Roosevelt at Hearing – CQ News Article 1.17.2017

Trump will pick Sonny Perdue to lead Agriculture

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Bankruptcy

- Courts Continue Trend of Recognizing Tribal Immunity in Bankruptcy Proceedings

Budget

Contract Support Costs

- HSDW Memo 7.14.2017: Initial Draft of FY 2018 House Interior Appropriations Bill Retains Indefinite CSC Appropriation, Rejects Administration's Proposal on CSC Carryover

- [HSDW Memo 6.7.2017: CSC Provisions in FY 2018 Budget; Settlement of Past-Year Claims Against IHS Continues](#)
- [Roberts Announces Inclusion of Updated CSC Policy into DOI Indian Affairs Manual](#)
- [HSDW Memo 1.20.2017: Interior Formally Approves New BIA Contract Support Cost Policy](#)
- [Dear Tribal Leader Letter January 10](#)
- [Indian Self-Determination – CSC Policy Part 13 Chapter 7](#)
- [*DOI Settlement*](#)
- [*IHS CSC Policy*](#)

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Department of Homeland Security

- [Quadrennial Homeland Security Review \(QHSR\) is the Department of Homeland Security's capstone strategy document, which is updated every four years](#)
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Federal Appropriations

- New** [HSDW General Memo 17-044: House Appropriations Committee FY 2018 Indian Affairs Recommendations](#)
- [HSDW General Memo 17-039: House Appropriations Committee FY 2018 Indian Health Service Recommendations](#)
- [HSDW General Memo 17-038: Indian Affairs FY 2018 Request](#)
- [HSDW Memo May 26: Proposed FY2018 Indian Health Service Budget](#)
- [USET/USET SPF President Kirk Francis Testimony Before House Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations re: FY 2018 Budget](#)
- [USET SPF House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill FY 2018 Outside Witness Testimony](#)
- [CQ Roll Call Article: OMB required to issue memo on Friday regarding preparation for government shutdown 4/19/2017](#)
- [HSDW Memo 4/7/2017: Update on Status of FY 2017 Appropriations; Current Funding Expires Midnight April 28, 2017](#)
- [Greenwire -- INTERIOR: Trump admin seeks 10% budget cut — sources](#)
- [CQ Article: Trump Budget Would Boost Defense Spending, Cut EPA and More](#)

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Federal Budget Process/Timeline

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Indian Health Services (IHS) Budget Formulation Workgroup

Labor HHS Appropriations

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President's Budget Request

- [CQ News: House Appropriators Turn Away from Trump Budget Request](#)
- [Major Savings and Reforms – BUDGET OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT Fiscal Year 2018 – OMB](#)
- [BUDGET OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT – A New Foundation For American Greatness Fiscal Year 2018 – OMB](#)

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Sequestration

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Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC)

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Census

- [U.S. Census Bureau – My Tribal Area : New resource](#)

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Congress

- **New** [Legislative Summary – 115th Congress – as of August 17, 2017](#)
- [Legislative Summary – 115th Congress – as of June 22, 2017](#)
- [Legislative Summary – 115th Congress – as of May 14, 2017](#)
- [Legislative Summary – 115th Congress – as of March 17, 2017](#)
- [Legislative Summary - 115th Congress - as of Feb 10, 2017](#)
- [Native American Caucus- US House Of Representatives, 115th Congress \(2017-2018\)](#)
- [115th Native American Caucus Member](#)

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SCIA

- [USET SPF Testimony for the Record of SCIA Hearing, "Native Youth: Promoting Diabetes Prevention through Healthy Living"](#)
- [USET SPF Comments on SCIA Infrastructure Roundtable 3/29/2017](#)
- [HSDW Memo on March 15th Senate Committee on Indian Affairs \(SCIA\) Roundtable Discussion on "Building Native America Together: Infrastructure Innovation and Improvements for the New Administration and Indian Country."](#)

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Culture And Heritage

- [USET SPF Joins Tribal Testimony on the National Historic Preservation Act](#)
- [Reply Comments in Response to Joint Comments Submitted by the Wireless Infrastructure Association and CTIA \(hereinafter “Joint Comments” and “Joint Commenters”\) regarding the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing WT-17-79 "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barrier to Infrastructure Investment."](#)

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 *Indian Child Welfare Act*

- New** [Law360 Article: Legal Group Says Indian Family Law Is Unconstitutional](#)
- [Joint Press Release on ICWA Defense Project – Court Rejects Challenge to Law Safeguarding Native Children and Families](#)
- [Principle Deputy ASIA Roberts Announces Updated BIA Guidelines that Strengthen Implementation of Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

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- *Washington Redsk*ns*

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- [Article June 19, 2017: Government Can't Refuse Disparaging Trademarks, Supreme Court Rules](#)
- [Justices Skeptical That Offensive TM Ban Is Constitutional](#)

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 *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*

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 **Sacred Sites**

- New** [Washington Post Article: Interior secretary recommends Trump alter at least three national monuments, including Bears Ears](#)
- [Secretary Zinke Weighs In on President Trump's Executive Order Directing Interior to Review of 20 Years of Monuments](#)
 - [Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act](#)
 - [DAPL Amicus Workgroup – NCAI, Tribes, Organizations Filed February 21, 2017](#)
 - [Energywise Article - On Capitol Hill, sacred lands spark fierce debate February 16](#)
 - [Article: Judge denies Tribes' request to block final link in Dakota pipeline February 13](#)
 - [SRST Press Release: Trump Executive Memorandum on DAPL violates law and Tribal treaties January 24, 2017](#)
 - [The Hill Article: Trump advances Keystone, Dakota Access pipelines – Jan 24](#)
 - [NPR Article: Trump Gives Green Light to Keystone, Dakota Access Pipelines January 24](#)
 - [Press Release: NCAI Expresses Concern with Presidential Actions to Short-Circuit Environmental Review Process for Dakota Access Pipeline January 24, 2017](#)
 - [Text of President Trump's DAPL Memorandum January 24, 2017](#)

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 **Traditional Gathering**

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 **Department of Health and Human Services**

- [19th U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Washington, DC March 29-30](#)
Additional Dates:
April 11-12, Seattle, WA (Region 10)
May 9, Syracuse, NY (Region 2)
May 16-17, Las Vegas, NV (Region 9)
May 17-18, Boston, MA (Region 1)
May 17-18, Kansas City, MO (Region 7)
June 15-16, New Buffalo, MI (Region 5)
May 23-24, Oklahoma City, OK (Region 6)
May 23-24, Denver, CO (Region 8)
TBA Washington, DC (Region 3)

TBA Nashville, TN (Region 4)
TBA Window Rock, AZ (Navajo)

 **Administration on Children and Families**

- Administration for Children and Families Seeks Tribal Guidance on Programs - Comments Due March 10

[Administration on Children and Families Archive 2014](#)

 **Department of the Interior**

- USET SPF Letter to Secretary Zinke Requesting Meeting and Outlining Initial Priorities 5/30/2017
- New Policy - Authority for Off-Reservation Fee to Trust Decisions

[Department of the Interior Archives 2016](#)

 **Economic Development**

- Minority Business Development Association and Kauffman Foundation Partnership Providing Greater Access to the U.S. Census Bureau Data on Minority Entrepreneurs
- The U.S. Census Bureau has the data you need! If you are you looking for market data to help you start or grow your business, Census Business Builder, from the U.S. Census Bureau, can help. **Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition** provides easy access to information on your potential customers and other similar businesses in your area. Find how much consumers in your area spend on eating out, how old the average home is in your county, or how many fast food restaurants there are in your zip code.
- New Bill Aims to Stimulate Economic Development in Indian Country
 - Testimony of United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund Submitted to the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs For the Record of the September 7, 2016 Legislative Hearing, "To Receive Testimony on S. 2285, S. 3234, S. 3261, and H.R. 4685" September 21, 2016

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 **CDFI**

- Northwest Area Foundation 2017 Annual report includes exploration of the beauty and promise of Native CDFIs

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 **Gaming**

- NIGC to announce 2016 gross gaming revenues Washington, DC 1:00 pm ET July 17

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 **Marijuana**

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 *Native Act*

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 *Small Business Administration (SBA)*

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• *MSA*

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 *USC Title 25 Chapter 44 – Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism*

[NABDTP&T Archive 2014](#)

• *DelBene*

[DelBene Archive 2014](#)

Education

- [USET SPF Action Alert TODAY: Tell Senators to Preserve Tribal Consultation in Education March 8, 2017](#)
- [US Dept. of Education Family and School Partnership Tool](#)

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 *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*

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 *Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act*

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 *Generation Indigenous Gen-I*

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 *Native Education Support and Training Act (NEST)*

[Native Education Support and Training Act \(NEST\) Archive 2015](#)

 **Emergency Management**

New [New Tools for Health Care Coalitions \(HCCs\) Available](#)

- [GAO-17-569: Public-Safety Broadband Network: FirstNet Has Made Progress Establishing the Network, but Should Address Stakeholder Concerns and Workforce Planning](#)

 **Environment and Natural Resources**

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 *Climate Change*

[Climate Change Archive 2016](#)
[Climate Change Archive 2014](#)

 *Energy*

- [Director of Office of Indian Energy William Bradford resigns 8/31/2017](#)
- [Final Guidelines for Reporting on Cultural Resources Investigations for Natural Gas Projects](#)
- [Law360 Article 7/25/2017: Reps. OK Bill To Cut White House Out Of Pipeline Permits](#)
- [2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Economic Market Potential on Tribal Lands and Interactive Tools for Assessment 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET December 13](#)
- [2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Partnerships Between Utilities and Tribes 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET November 29](#)
- [2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Tribes Working Together 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET October 25](#)
- [2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Fundamentals of Organized Energy](#)

Markets for Tribes 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET September 27

- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series University Resources for Tribal Energy Partnerships 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET August 30
- Expanding Tribal Energy Development through Partnerships Webinar: Effective Tribal Project Partnerships 1:00 - 3:00 pm ET July 26
- Tribal Energy Events Funding and News July 12
- Trump meets with Tribes re: energy production June 28th
- USET SPF Comments on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Revised Guidelines 3/23/2017
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Indian Energy: Looking Back and Moving Forward 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET February 22
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Federal & State Policy: Advancing Strategic Energy Partnerships 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET March 29
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Spending Energy Dollars Wisely 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET April 26
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series What Energy Project is Right for My Tribe 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET May 31
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Tribal Project Partnerships 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET June 28
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Powering Your Community with Tribal Energy 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET July 26
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series University Resources for Tribal Energy Partnerships 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET August 30
- 2017 Tribal Energy Webinar Series Fundamentals of Organized Energy Markets for Tribes 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET September 27
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- USET SPF Comments on EPA FY18-19 NPM Guidances 8/4/2017
- USET SPF Comments on New Authority under EPA's Clean Water Indian Set Aside Program
- US EPA Federal Certification for Pesticide Applicators in Indian Country
- USET SPF Comments on EPA Evaluation of Existing Regulations 5/15/2017
- National Tribal Outreach Call Implementing Executive Order 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET April 24

[EPA Archive 2016](#)

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- *Clean Air*

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- *Clean Water*

- [USGS Interactive Map Provides a Long-term Look at Changes in the Quality of U.S. Rivers and Streams](#)

- [USACE and EPA FR notice re: Intention To Review and Rescind or Revise the Clean Water Rule \(Waters of the United States\)](#)

[EPA Clean Water Archive 2015](#)

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- *Gap Guidance*

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- *Solid Waste*

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- *Fracking*

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- *Hydraulic Fracturing*

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- *U.S. Fish and Wildlife*

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Archive 2015](#)

- *Water*

New [EPA announces stakeholder sessions to seek input in the review of the waters of the U.S. rule – Comments due September 27](#)

- [HSDW General Memo 17-041 Waters of the United States: Army Corps and EPA Publish Proposed Step 1 Rule](#)

[Water Archive 2016](#)

- *Farm Bill*

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- *Federal Communications Commission*

- [Reply Comments in Response to Joint Comments Submitted by the Wireless Infrastructure Association and CTIA \(hereinafter “Joint Comments” and “Joint Commenters”\) regarding the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing WT-17-79 "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barrier to Infrastructure Investment."](#)

- [FCC Consultation on issues under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act -- \(one on one meetings to be held 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on a first come first served basis\) 12:00 - 3:00 pm Eugene, OR July 20; \(one on one meetings to be held 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on a first come first served basis\) 1:00 - 4:00 pm Broken Arrow, OK July 24; \(one on one meetings to be held 10:30 - 11:30 am on a first come first served basis\)](#)

12:00 - 3:00 pm Knoxville, TN July 25

- Joint Comments Submitted June 15, 2017 to FCC re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment
- FOLLOW-UP: USET SPF Alert: TOMORROW - FCC to hold Consultation on Section 106 – June 2
- HSDW Memo May 26: FCC Infrastructure Deployment Conference Call Consultation
- TR Daily Article 4.20.2017 “FCC adopts wireless infrastructure item amid complaints about details” – includes USET SPF statement on FCC NPRM Streamlining the Tribal Review Process in Wireless Deployment.
- File Comments on FCC draft NPRM Streamlining Tribal Section 106 Review
- File Comments by April 18th on FCC draft NPRM Streamlining Tribal Section 106 Review
- USET SPF Tribal Representative Nominee Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais to FCC IAC February 28, 2017

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 **Broadband**

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 **Cell Tower Placement**

[Cell Tower Placement Archive 2013](#)

 **Positive Train Control/Railroad**

[Positive Train Control/Railroad Archive 2014](#)

 **Spectrum Licenses**

[Spectrum Licenses Archive 2015](#)

 **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

New [What to Expect after you Apply for FEMA Aid](#)

- [GAO Report “FirstNet Efforts to Establish the Public-Safety Broadband Network”](#)

[FEMA Archive 2016](#)

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 **Stafford Act**

- [FEMA Finalizes Pilot Guidance for Tribal Disaster Declarations Process for Stafford Act Disasters 1/10/2017](#)

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 **Federal Recognition**

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 **BIA Part 83 Recognition**

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 **Native Hawaiian**

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 **Food and Drug Administration**

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 **Government Accountability Office**

- [USET SPF Testimony for the Record of the Subcommittee on Interior, Energy, & Environment Hearing: "Examining Federal Programs that Serve Tribes and their Members"](#)
- [U.S. Government Accountability Office \(GAO\) report: 2017 High Risk List Now Available: February 15](#)

 **Health**

- [HSDW General Memo 17-037: Tribal Self-funded Member Health Plans Not Subject to ERISA](#)
- [Webinar: Unveiling of New Toolbox From SAMHSA's Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation April 27 3–4 p.m. ET](#)
- [Webinar - Pharmacy Billing 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET April 13](#)
- [Webinar - Tribal Telehealth Technical Assistance Session – Universal Service Programs: The Rural Health Care & Lifeline Programs 9:00 – 11:00 am CT April 14](#)
- [Webinar - Climate Change and Health in Indian Country Resilience and the Health Consequences of Climate Change 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET April 20](#)
- [USET SPF Further Comments re: HHS Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements 1/9/2017](#)

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 **Advance Appropriations**

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 **Affordable Care Act**

- **Indian Health Care Improvement Act**

- New** [CMS issues bulletin regarding the Navigator program and the upcoming 2018 Open Enrollment Period](#)
- New** [New CMS resources to educate Tribal communities about the benefits of health insurance](#)
- [HSDW Memo August 22: Senate HELP Committee Announces Hearings on Health Insurance](#)
- [The Week of July 24th -- USET SPF Alerts on ACA Repeal Action in the Senate](#)
- [HSDW Memo 7/24/2017: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Holds Roundtable Discussion Regarding "BRCA Impacts on Tribal Communities"](#)
- [HSDW Memo 7/18/2017: Senate Support for BCRA Collapses](#)
- [USET SPF Alert: MONDAY \(July 17, 2:00 pm ET\) Conference Call on ACA Repeal & Replace Legislation](#)
 - [Wrap Up & Additional Information -- USET SPF Alert: MONDAY Conference Call on ACA Repeal & Replace Legislation](#)
- [USET SPF Alert: Oppose Senate ACA Repeal and Replace Bill](#)
- [HSDW Memo May 12, 2017: House of Representatives Passes the American Health Care Act](#)
 - [Tribal Talking Points on the American Health Care Act](#)
 - [Letter on Medicaid Work Requirements by CMS's Tribal Technical Advisory Group \(May 2, 2017\)](#)
- [HSDW Memo 5/2/2017: House Republicans Unveil Additional AHCA Amendments](#)
- [CMS issues final rule to increase choices and encourage stability in health insurance market for 2018](#)
- [New Report \(3/24/17\) on the Impact of ACA Repeal in Indian Country](#)
- [USET SPF Alert: House GOP Releases Affordable Care Act Repeal/Replace Plan March 7](#)
 - [Comparison of House Republican Health Proposal Versus ACA / Current Law](#)
 - [Financial Analysis of House Republican Plan Versus ACA / Current Law](#)
- [Brief Update on Recent action by IRS to ease regulatory burden associated with individual mandate under the Affordable Care Act February 27](#)
- [House Republicans release a policy brief outlining the broad strokes of their plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) – February 16](#)
- [HSDW Memo February 21: Health Reform Update: House Republicans Release ACA Repeal & Replace Blueprint; House Democrats hold Roundtable on ACA's Impact on Indians Country](#)
- [All Tribes Broadcast \(ACA\) 2/16/2017 - Health Care Reform in Indian Country - ACA/IHCIA Policy Update for Tribes](#)
- [Tribal Policy Discussion on the Affordable Care Act and its Impact on Indian Country 234 Cannon House Office Building 2:00-3:30pm February 16](#)
- [HSDW Memo 1.17.2017: House Votes to Approve the Senate Budget Resolution in](#)

Steps to Repeal ACA and NIH Holds Legislative Strategy Call on IHCA/ACA Strategy

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 **Behavioral Health**

- Webinar - The Hope Squad Program – Addressing Suicide Prevention and Untreated Mental Illness 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET May 18
- 2017 IHS Zero Suicide Academy application. The Academy is open to IHS federally-operated facilities, tribally-operated facilities, and urban Indian organizations. Albuquerque, New Mexico September 7-9 Application Deadline May 15

 **Budget**

- 19th U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Washington, DC March 29-30

 **Center for Disease Control (CDC)**

- CDC Unintentional Injury Prevention - Partnership Digest - January to March 2017

 **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

- **New** The New Medicare Card, for Tribal and Urban Indian Health Providers - Webinar recording available
- USET SPF Comments on CMS Proposed Rule on Updates to QPP 8/21/2017
- CMS Newsletter – Official CMS News from the Medicare Learning Network – August 10
- National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2017 Estimates of Diabetes and Its Burden in the United States
- Quality Payment Program - Explanation of Special Status Calculation – Correction
- HSDW Memo August 2: CMS Solicits Comments on Proposed Rule for Year 2 of the Quality Payment Program
- July Learning Series Webinar – overview of Medicare coordination of benefits 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET July 13
- CMS National Training Program Newly Posted Training Materials
- Tribal Nursing Home Stories Best Practices for Dementia Care 2:00 pm ET June 28
- 5 Ways for Healthcare Providers to Get Ready for New Medicare Cards
- CMS Webinar May 24 – 2:00 pm ET: Tribal Pathways to Data Analysis-Caring for Your Community by Knowing the Numbers
- All Tribes Call May 22 – 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET: FY 2018 Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Proposed Rule and Request for Information (RFI)
- CMS News from Medicare Learning Network – Provider Education Message – April 27
- Webinar - CMS Emergency Preparedness (EP) Final Rule 2:00 – 3:30 pm ET May 18
 - Webinar Recording
- Three Things You Can Do If You Are Wrongfully Billed for Medicare Costs
- Listening session on the development of episode-based cost measures for the

Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in the Quality Payment Program
12:00 – 1:30 pm ET April 5

- Learn More about the Quality Payment Program (QPP) and MACRA for 2017 – Webinars
 - #1 Understand the Basics of the Quality Payment Program – MACRA 2:00 pm ET March 23
 - #2 Discuss Eligibility – Group Versus Individual 2:00 pm ET March 24
 - #3 Explore Reporting Options for 2017 2:00 pm ET March 28
- Webinar - Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI) Update 1:00 - 2:30 pm ET March 22
- Webinar - Connecting to Chronic Care Management Services 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET March 15
- Quality Payment Program New Resources and Webinars - CMS Webinar - ACO Track 1+ Model 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET March 22
- CMS issues proposed rule to stabilize Marketplace for 2018
- HSDW Memo 2.1.2017: CMS Releases FAQs Addressing Medicaid Reimbursement for Services Furnished Outside an IHS/Tribal Facility
- FAQ Federal Funding for Services “Received Through” an IHS/Tribal Facility and Furnished to Medicaid-Eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives (SHO #16-002)
- Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign Notes: Connecting American Indian and Alaska Native Children to Health Coverage
- Recording of Tribal Consultation conference call (Dec 15, 2016): Reimbursement Rate for Services Provided Outside of an IHS/Tribal Facility
 - [CMS Archive 2016](#)
 - [CMS Archive 2015](#)
 - [CMS Archive 2014](#)

🌀 *Definition of Indian*

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🌀 *Dental*

- HSDW Memo 2.24.2017: Washington State DHAT Legislation
- WEBINAR: Oral Health in Indian Country Survey Results 1:00 - 2:00 pm January 31

🌀 *Executive Branch Reorganization*

- USET SPF Comments Re: Dear Tribal Leader Letter on Implementation of Executive Order 13871
- HSDW Memo May 26: Joint DSTAC and TSGAC Call on Executive Order 13781

🌀 *Federal Employee Health Benefits*

- HSDW Memo 2.27.2017: OPM Final Rule on Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Delayed Until March 21, 2017
- FEHB Final Rule for Employees of Certain Tribal Employers FR Vol.81, No. 249
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