



Health Resources & Services Administration

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

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Dear Tribal Leader:

In response to a request from Chief William F. Smith, Chairman of the Alaska Native Health Board, I am writing to initiate a Tribal Consultation on the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Uniform Data System (UDS) Modernization Initiative (known as UDS+). The Consultation will be held virtually on November 13, 2024, via Zoom.

The UDS is a standardized reporting system made up of a core set of data and measures that HRSA's Health Center Program awardees and look-alikes are required to report on each calendar year. UDS+ is the electronic submission of de-identified data from health centers to HRSA through automated reporting platforms. Automating UDS reporting will eventually eliminate the need for health centers to dedicate resources required to manually enter UDS data into HRSA's Electronic Handbooks, while simultaneously allowing health centers to submit more granular, specific data about their patient population. This more detailed, de-identified data will be critical for advancing quality improvement and health outcomes for the Health Center Program, including tailoring efforts to address health disparities and improve patient care.

**Participant Information:**

**What:** HRSA Tribal Consultation on the Uniform Data System Modernization Initiative

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024

**Time:** 3:00 - 5:00pm ET

**Zoom link:** <https://hrsa.gov.zoomgov.com/j/1603643393>

If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to send any written testimony or comments to [tribalconsultation@hrsa.gov](mailto:tribalconsultation@hrsa.gov) by December 13, 2024. For more information, please contact Dr. Juliana Blome, Director of the HRSA Office of Tribal Affairs at [jblome@hrsa.gov](mailto:jblome@hrsa.gov).

HRSA looks forward to engaging in meaningful dialogue to fully understand and consider the issues raised by Tribal leaders.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Administrator