

Budget Line Item: 128
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF TRIBAL PROGRAMS
NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (NIHB)

DESCRIPTION OF PSFA:

This line item funds the cooperative agreement between the IHS and the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). The NIHB Board of Directors is comprised of Tribal leaders and representatives from each of the 12 Area Offices of the IHS. The NIHB staff offices are located in Denver, Colorado. In 2002, the NIHB will also open an office in Washington, D.C. The NIHB is closely allied with the National Congress of American Indians through a memorandum of agreement and represents NCAI on health policy issues.

The NIHB advocates on behalf of all Federally-recognized Tribes in the development of national Indian health policy. This is accomplished through resolutions passed by the Board, participation in advisory committees and workgroups formed by the IHS advocacy information provided to Congress and the Administration and information dissemination at regional and national Indian meetings.

Another important role for the NIHB is providing information and training to Tribes and inter-Tribal organizations. Working through the Area Health Boards and other organizations, the NIHB distributes information about proposed legislation and Federal policy issues of interest to Indian health advocates. The NIHB publishes a periodic newsletter "The Reporter" as a means of information dissemination to Tribal leaders and consumers on pertinent health care issues. In addition, the NIHB website (www.nihb.org) is an excellent source of information about the organization and Indian health care activities and issues. The NIHB is now working with Area Health Boards to provide (through a grant with the Administration of Native Americans) each Health Board video-conferencing units to improve communication and collaboration among Tribal leaders and representatives with an interest in improving the health status of Indian people. The NIHB also sponsors an annual Consumer Conference for Tribal leaders, Tribal representatives and health care program staff and Federal and State policy makers and program managers.

WHAT PSFAs ARE RESIDUAL?

None.

WHAT PSFAs CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO TRIBES?

All PSFAs and funds are available for Tribal shares.

PROGRAM FORMULA FOR CALCULATING THE TRIBAL SHARE

Tribes are eligible for shares under the TSA formula.