



Consultation Opening

- ▶ Welcome and Acknowledgement
- ▶ Blessing
- ▶ Introductions
 - ▶ Tribal Elected Officials
 - ▶ Tribal Health Leaders
 - ▶ Tribal Consortia Leaders

How we got here

- ▶ Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) has been working on the infrastructure since 2016 (at least).
- ▶ HCA has participated in various aspects of the standing up of this program, due to HCA's role in securing CMS authority for Medicaid reimbursement.
- ▶ This SPA language was developed in coordination with NPAIHB.
- ▶ A main question CMS will want answered is how these providers will be certified and supervised.
 - ▶ HCA relied on IHS Circular 20-06.

Current SPA Language

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Must be supervised in accordance with the Portland Area Community Health Aide Program Standards and Procedures (PASP), as defined by IHS Circular 20-06, by a licensed provider practicing within the scope of their practice as defined by state law.

Certified Behavioral Health practitioners (BHP) must meet the training, competencies and experience requirements as described in the PASP.

Certified Behavioral Health Aides (BHA), including BHA I, II, and III, must meet the standards defined by the PASP.

Link to the circular: <https://www.hhs.gov/guidance/document/indian-health-circular-20-06>

Proposed Changes

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