



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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July 7, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

**SUBJECT: INDIAN NATION AGREEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL CONSULTATION CLOSE  
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On May 28, 2023, the Health Care Authority held a Consultation on the Indian Nation Agreement and Urban Indian Organization (INA/UIO) Risk Assessment and Monitoring Plan tool. During this meeting the Tribes and HCA agreed to move forward with the implementation of the risk assessment tool presented during the Consultation, which can be found at <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/tribal-relations/revised-indian-nation-agreements-and-scope-work>. HCA would like to thank all Tribal and Urban Indian health program representatives and leaders who participated in the workgroup, roundtable, and Consultation, to help us to achieve an improved tool. Per our discussion, HCA will begin implementation of the Risk Assessment and Monitoring Plan tool as soon as possible, and completed tools will be shared with the Tribe. Delays and errors directly caused by HCA internal processes will not result in negative impacts to the Indian Nation or UIO's risk assessment and monitoring plan.

**Background and Purpose**

The HCA Office of Tribal Affairs is federally required to conduct risk assessments and appropriate monitoring plans for all federal subrecipient agreements and contracts. Part 2 CFR 200.332(b), states "federal award recipients must evaluate each subrecipient's risk of noncompliance with Federal statutes, and regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward for the purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring." Completion of this tool will ensure compliance with 2 CFR 200.332(b) and allow HCA to adjust its monitoring practices of Indian Nation and UIO subawards according to the appropriate level of risk.

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You can find the meeting minutes and materials for the Consultation, and the tool, at the website <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/tribal-relations/revised-indian-nation-agreements-and-scope-work>

**Comments and questions**

HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding the INA/UIO Risk Assessment and Monitoring Tool. Please contact Lucilla Mendoza, Tribal Behavioral Health Administrator at [lucilla.mendoza@hca.wa.gov](mailto:lucilla.mendoza@hca.wa.gov).

Please contact Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, via email at [aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov](mailto:aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov), if you have tribal affairs-related questions or concerns.

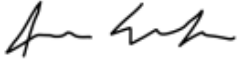
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Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aren Sparck".

Aren Sparck

Tribal Affairs Administrator

Office of Tribal Affairs

By email

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