



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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May 12, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Indian Nation Agreement (INA) Risk Assessment Tool Revision

In accordance with chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989 regarding collaboration with Indian tribes in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affect Indian tribes and the Tribal Consultation and Communication Policy of the Health Care Authority (HCA), the HCA seeks your input and partnership to advance initiatives impacting Tribal communities.

Purpose

On July 7, 2023, the Health Care Authority finalized the Indian Nation Agreement (INA) and Urban Indian Organization (INA/UIO) Risk Assessment and Monitoring Plan tool following Consultation held on May 28, 2023, and the risk assessment was conducted for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and 2025. During our implementation, HCA identified that the risk assessment did not accurately reflect the level of risk based on contract monitoring concerns. HCA has revised the Risk Assessment and Monitoring Plan Tool to clarify risk categories and has made the following changes.

- Clarification and expansion of existing risk categories reflect certain scenarios that were missing from prior tool.
- Split the Timeliness and Spending Pattern category from 1 category with both topics to two risk categories.

HCA believes that these changes will improve our Risk Assessment and Monitoring Plan Tool to accurately reflect the level of risk per Tribe and allow us to adjust our monitoring practices appropriately for each Tribe.

We will go over this information and form at our new Sovereign Nation Agreement Workgroup on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 2pm. Please share any feedback that you have with changes that have been made to this Tool during our meeting or contact us directly.

Comments and Questions

You can find the revised Risk Assessment Tool including the version with track changes on our [Indian Nation agreements \(INA\) and scope of work for behavioral health services | Washington State Health Care Authority](#) website. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding the revised INA/UIO Risk Assessment and Monitoring

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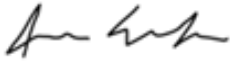
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Tool **by June 15, 2025**. Please contact Henry Roy, Tribal Affairs Contract Portfolio Manager at henry.roy@hca.wa.gov or by phone at 564-233-3097.

Please contact Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, via email at aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov, if you have additional comments or concerns.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

In peace,



Aren Sparck
Tribal Administrator

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