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Mr. Thomas Betlach, Director  
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Dear Mr. Betlach:

The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to 562 federally recognized tribes in 36 states. As of 2009, roughly 30 percent of patients served by IHS facilities were enrolled in Medicaid. Given that IHS has such a large Medicaid population, we expect most of our facilities to apply for Medicaid meaningful use incentives.

By collaborating with state Medicaid programs, we can ensure that IHS and Tribes are able to take advantage of the Medicaid meaningful use incentive program. We need your help to:

- Determine if your state will participate in the CMS Medicaid EHR incentive program.
- Identify the point of contact for your state Medicaid program and their contact information.
- Determine your state's requirements for reporting clinical quality measures (measure selection, method of reporting)
- Determine your state's health information exchange requirements for reporting data.
- Work with IHS facilities in your state to identify and address local concerns.
- Provide information on your state's activities related to the implementation of the e-health provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, in particular the HITECH Act.
  - Points-of-Contact and contact information for any e-Health Initiative/ARRA/HITECH Act/EHR/MU committees/working groups
  - URLs for Informational Websites
  - URLs for Informational List Serves
  - Points-of-Contact and contact information for any Public Informational Conference Calls

Please contact one of the IHS OIT meaningful use representatives listed below as soon as possible so we can begin collaborating with you and our Tribal partners to ensure that eligible facilities can achieve meaningful use to qualify for the state Medicaid meaningful use incentives.

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We look forward to working together with you to accomplish these goals.

Sincerely,



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