**SUMMARY**

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**AGENDA:**

| Objectives of the Session | 1. Provide a forum to discuss and identify existing barriers to contracting.  
|                           | 2. Work toward establishing solutions and model language that can be used to address concerns  
|                           | 3. Overall Goal: Establish contracts between QHP’s and IHS/638 facilities to create viable strong networks for American Indian.  |

**Barrier/Concerns identified:**
- Electronic connectivity
- Quality data
  - Clinical
  - Financial
  - Diagnostic
- Sovereign Nations
  - Tribal courts
  - Appeals
  - State vs federal
  - Indian law
- Rate Methodology
- Medical records review
- Licensure/credentialing
- Out-of-state contracting
- 638 facilities
- Mandated insurance requirements
  - Provider malpractice
- Beneficiaries/Non-Beneficiaries – IHS/638 eligibility requirements
- Competitive Reimbursement Rates (IHS/638’s have lower volume)

| Assignments: | Director Betlach requested the following be submitted to the Office of Tribal Relations c/o Bonnie Talakte, Tribal Relations Liaison: |
|             | • Data Requests  
|             |   - Forward copies of existing contracts  
|             | • Survey – AHCCCS will work to put together a very brief web tool to identify if IHS/638 facilities have the following:  
|             |   - Electronic health records  
|             |   - Can electronically bill and receive payments  
|             |   - Provide malpractice wraparound details  
|             |   - Have existing contracts with commercial payers  
|             |   - Facility licensure status – JCAHO etc…. |

| Next Meeting | AHCCCS will send out a meeting invitation in 3-4 weeks |