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American Indian Health Management and Policy Announces Receipt of National Indian Health Service Contract to analyze resources to reduce hospital inpatient readmissions and care transitions

Tucson, AZ. American Indian Health Management and Policy (AIHMP), announced today the receipt of a major contract to analyze resources to reduce Indian Health Service Hospital readmissions throughout the United States.

American Indian Health Management and Policy (AIHMP), Vice President of Health Services, Lee Olitzky, stated that AIHMP will analyze resources to reduce IHS hospital inpatient readmissions. Each of IHS 28 hospitals and respective tribal communities' served will be evaluated on the basis of patient needs in order to identify additional health care services needed by IHS patients discharged from the hospital.

Unlike general community settings, alternative services like Home Health Care Services, Nursing Homes, and Assisted Living facilities are not readily available in tribal communities. IHS may need to find ways to develop alternative services to address patient needs in non-hospital settings, in order to reduce hospital readmissions.

Indian Health Service (IHS) is the agency primarily responsible for providing health care services to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

American Indian Health Management & Policy (AIHMP) is an Indian-owned consulting company, dedicated to improving healthcare services for American Indians by bridging the gap between patients and health services. By working in partnership with Tribal programs, government agencies, and private healthcare service providers, AIHMP is committed to making Indian Country a much healthier place.