



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to invite you to participate in a webinar on the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Shortage Designation Modernization Project (SDMP) as it relates to Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations. This webinar will provide information about the national update of automatically designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (Auto-HPSAs) tentatively planned for summer 2019. HRSA will provide detailed information on actions Tribes and urban Indian organizations can take to prepare for the national update and what steps can be taken immediately following the update to request a HPSA rescore. This webinar also will have dedicated time for Tribes and urban Indian organization leaders to provide input on and express their concerns about the project.

The national update of Auto-HPSAs is part of a larger effort to promote consistency and uniformity across data sets and reduce resource burdens associated with shortage designation. Your input will ensure HRSA has the best possible information from which to calculate Auto-HPSA scores.

Date: April 30, 2019

Time: 2-4 pm ET

Dial in: 800-857-9742

Passcode: 6751309

Link: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/auto-hpsa_webinar/

To engage further, HRSA also plans to participate in the HHS Regional Consultation meetings this summer to expand our outreach and gather more feedback on this project. To learn more about the changes to Auto-HPSAs in advance, please see the Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders letter about the project available at <https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/populations/aian.html> and HRSA's SDMP webpage: <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sdmp>.

HRSA is committed to assisting you in addressing your health workforce needs. We look forward to your participation on the April 30, 2019 webinar and to continue working with you on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Sigounas".

George Sigounas, MS, Ph.D.
Administrator