

TRIBES AND INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Date: August 29, 2025
Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Participants: Tribes and Indian Health Program Representatives
Webinar: [Registration Link](#)

9:30 – 10:00	Welcome, Introduction of Tribal Leaders, and Review of Agenda <i>Yingjia Huang, Deputy Director</i> Open Discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Medi-Cal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CalAIM Concept Paper <i>Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director</i> Open Discussion
10:30 – 11:30	DHCS Director's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governor's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 State Budget• DHCS FY 2025-2026 Budget Highlights• Update on H.R.1 <i>Michelle Baass, DHCS Director</i> Open Discussion
11:30 – 12:15	Behavioral Health (BH) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Reimbursement for Traditional Healers and Natural Helpers <i>Paula Willhelm, Deputy Director</i>
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch Break
1:30 – 1:45	Naloxone Distribution Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naloxone Distribution Project <i>Maya Gopalan, Health Program Specialist</i>



1:45 – 2:30	Office of Tribal Affairs Update <i>Andrea Zubiarte, Chief</i>
2:30 – 3:15	Medi-Cal Connect Update <i>Hope Neighbor, Division Chief</i>
3:15 – 4:00	Quality and Population Health Management (QPHM) Update <i>Palav Barbaria, Deputy Director and Chief Quality and Medical Officer, Irving Ling, Medical Consultant, Angelico Razon, Medical Consultant, Mariko Singh, Accountability Policy and Support Unit Manager</i>
Adjourn	Items for Next Meeting/Final Comments

Next DHCS Tribal and Indian Health Programs Representative Meeting:

- December (virtual)

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DHCS would like to highlight that this meeting is intended to allow Tribal and Indian health programs representatives a forum to provide feedback on elements of DHCS initiatives with specific impact to Tribes, Indian health programs, and American Indian Medi-Cal beneficiaries.