

TRIBES AND INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Date: September 14, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Participants: Tribes and Indian Health Program Representatives
Webinar: [Registration Link](#)

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome, Introduction of Tribal Leaders, and Review of Agenda**
Yingjia Huang, Deputy Director

9:10 – 10:00 **DHCS Director's and Medi-Cal Update**

- [Governor's Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2026-2027 State Budget](#)
- [DHCS FY 2026-2027 Budget Highlights](#)

Michelle Baass, DHCS Director

10:00 – 10:45 **H.R. 1 Update**
Yingjia Huang, Deputy Director
Open Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 **Order, Referring, Prescribing (ORP) Provider Update**
Mistie Chiddick, Division Chief
Amber De La Rosa, Division Chief
Bassant Khalil, Assistant Division Chief

11:00 – 11:45 **Behavioral Health Update**
Paula Willhelm, Deputy Director
Ivan Bhardwaj, Division Chief

11:45 – 12:00 **Closing Remarks**
Andrea Zubiarte, Chief
Consuelo Gambino, IHP Coordinator

Adjourn Items for Next Meeting/Final Comments



Next DHCS Tribal and Indian Health Programs Representative Meetings:

- Early 2027 (in person)

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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.