



**CMS Division of Tribal Affairs and Office of Minority Health Listening Session
on the CMS Health Equity Framework**

September 28th 11:30 am - 12:55 pm Eastern Time

11:30 – 11:35 Welcome & Introductions Dr. Susan Karol, CMS Division of Tribal Affairs

11:35 – 11: 50 Presentation: Overview of the CMS Framework for Health Equity

CAPT Wanda Finch, Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Health, CMS

11:50 – 12:00 Presentation: Summary of Previous Tribal Input on Health Equity Priorities

Carrie Field, Policy Analyst, National Indian Health Board

12:00 – 12: 40 Small Group Discussions

Participants move into small group discussions now to get more in-depth feedback on CMS's Health Equity Framework.

Questions for discussion include:

- 1. How do you believe CMS can improve data collection and disaggregation to better reflect the needs of the diverse groups that comprise the populations you serve?**
- 2. What steps can CMS take to better support Tribal sovereignty and Tribal self-determination?**
- 3. Previous Tribal discussions on health equity have revealed the central importance of culture, traditional values, traditional healing, and Indigenous knowledge in fostering resilience in Tribal communities and advancing health equity. What is CMS's role in supporting these elements of Indigenous identity? What steps can the agency take to honor Indigenous knowledge and support resilience through culture?**
- 4. Do the Priority Areas outlined in the Framework for Health Equity resonate to your work and the needs of the populations that you serve?**
- 5. In previous sessions, one suggestion made was the need for a Tribal-specific companion plan to the CMS Framework for Health Equity. Do you think there is a need for a Tribal-specific addition? What would it include? What would make the framework more Tribally relevant?**
- 6. Of the suggested steps on the "Path to Health Equity" presented by NIHB, which resonate most with you? Is there anything you would change? Is there anything missing?**
- 7. Do you have any questions for the CMS Office of Minority Health regarding the CMS Framework for Health Equity or the resources presented?**

12:45 – 12:55 Report out of breakout groups

12:55 Closing

Dr. Susan Karol, CMS Division of Tribal Affairs