



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of IHS PL 93-638 Contract Provisions by Division of Health)

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe established by Executive Order on November 9, 1891, whose tribal lands span across Apache, Gila and Navajo Counties, totaling 1.6 million acres located on parts of their ancestral homelands; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 (a) and 1 (s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has created and directed the Division of Health Programs to oversee the public health departments on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs has comprehensive plans to improve services to Tribal members, including continuing programs in progress and to include expanding services in the communities of Whiteriver, Cibecue and McNary; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs has established the foundation and infrastructure to continue these services to the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs supports the White Mountain Apache Tribe as a sovereign nation and Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (Public Law 93-638) authorized by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and some other government agencies to enter into contracts with, and make grants directly to, federally recognized Indian Tribes. The Tribes have authority to determine how they choose to administer those funds; and

WHEREAS, with permission of the Tribal Council, the Division of Health Programs will begin new IHS contracts with a retroactive approval start date of October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, with permission of the Tribal Council, the Division of Health Programs is recommending the following programs remain separate:

HHSI247200700055C	Community Health Representatives
HHSI247200700056C	Emergency Medical Service
HHSI247200700058C	Rainbow Treatment Center
HHSI247200700059C	Division of Health Education
HHSI2471010009C	Patient Transportation; and

