

[Transfer of Former NIAAA Programs from ASAP to OUIHP is Complete](#)

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On January 27, 2020, Indian Health Service (IHS) Principal Deputy Director, Michael D. Weahkee, sent out a [Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader Letter](#) (DULL) informing UIOs that the transfer of the former National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism programs (NIAAA) from the IHS Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) to the IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) had been completed.

The DULL notes that IHS has completed three critical steps, which were previously identified. Accordingly, each former NIAAA program is defined as a UIO under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, the internal management of contract funds have been transferred from the ASAP to the OUIHP, and IHS took steps to formally reprogram funds from the ASAP budget to the Urban Indian Health budget for fiscal year 2020.

Why is this important to UIOs?

- IHS is informing UIOs that the actions needed to complete the transfer of former NIAAA programs to OUIHP, as identified in an October 13, 2017 DULL, have been completed.

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