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Media Statement: Rosebud Emergency Department and OB Services are on Hold

IHS is committed to delivering safe, quality health care for the Rosebud community.

Effective immediately, people seeking surgical and obstetrics services at the Indian Health Service (IHS) Rosebud Hospital are being diverted to other facilities following the passing of a key staff clinician this past weekend.

IHS is currently exploring several strategies to staff these departments so that we can resume these services as quickly as possible. Urgent care services and other inpatient and outpatient hospital services at Rosebud remain available.

With the diversion of surgical and obstetrics services, additional resources will be focused towards improving outpatient primary care services and reopening of the Emergency Department.

The nearest referral hospitals, which are Cherry County Hospital in Valentine, NE (44 miles by road), Bennet County Hospital, in Martin, SD (53 miles by road) and Winner Regional Hospital, in Winner, SD (55 miles by road).

Providing access to consistent, quality medical care is a top priority for IHS. We remain focused on deploying short- and long-term solutions to improve services at Rosebud Hospital and in the Great Plains region by:

- Focusing on assessment;
- Immediately strengthening service delivery;
- Strengthening HIS Great Plains Area management;
- Infusing quality expertise; and
- Engaging local resources.

If individuals are having a medical emergency, they should call 911 for ambulance dispatch or go to the nearest 24-hour emergency room, located in Winner, South Dakota or Valentine, Nebraska.

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