

CALIFORNIA TRIBES – NOTICE OF CHOICE TO ELECT TO TRANSFER TRIBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION

All federally recognized Tribes are eligible to participate in the national tribal opioid settlements which provide funding for opioid abuse abatement and prevention. In California, Tribes that are members of an inter-tribal health program, inter-tribal health organization, or tribal health consortium that carries out health services on behalf of the Tribe under the Indian Self-Determination Act (referred to herein as “a Consortium”) may (but are not required to) elect to direct all or a portion of the Tribe’s settlement funds allocation to that Consortium.

Tribes that wish to direct all or a portion of their allocation to a Consortium must complete and submit the attached Opioid Settlement Election Form: California Tribes (“Election Form”), and also include: (1) a resolution of the Tribe’s governing body authorizing the election and (2) a letter of acceptance from the Consortium identified, agreeing to receive all or a portion of the Tribe’s allocation and confirming that the Consortium will comply with the approved uses and reporting requirements of the national tribal opioid settlements. Sample authorizing resolution language and acceptance letter are attached with this Notice.

This election will apply to all funds disbursed in 2023 and in future years unless the Tribe submits a properly authorized Change to Opioid Settlement Election Form: California Tribes (“Change Form”) revoking or changing the election. The Directors will make the Change Form available through the settlement portal after the 2023 disbursements are complete.

IF YOUR TRIBE DOES NOT SUBMIT A COMPLETED ELECTION FORM ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 7, 2023, 100% OF THE 2023 DISBURSEMENTS OF YOUR TRIBE’S ALLOCATION WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO YOUR TRIBE, PROVIDED YOUR TRIBE HAS SUBMITTED SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS: The Election Form contains two choices: (1) elect that 100% of your Tribe’s allocation be directed to a Consortium, or (2) elect that a percentage of your Tribe’s allocation be directed to a Consortium. **If your Tribe wishes to retain 100% of its allocation, the Tribe should NOT complete and submit an Election Form.**

Tribes that wish to make an election must submit the completed Election Form, along with the Tribe’s authorizing resolution and the Consortium’s acceptance letter, no later than **August 7, 2023, by email to NATO@browngreer.com, or through your settlement portal at <https://www.mdlcentrality.com> by clicking the Upload button in the Documents section, selecting the Election Form to Transfer Funds Document Type and uploading your completed Form. The Upload button also has Tribal Council Resolution and Consortium Letter of Acceptance Document Types for you to submit as well.**

Please contact NATO@browngreer.com if you have any questions about this Notice or the attached Election Form.