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must be met for the individual to be eligible.

(b) All individuals who receive services during the grace period based on paragraph (a) of this section and whose eligibility will terminate on September 16, 1988, shall be notified in writing that after September 16, 1988 they will no longer be eligible for services as Indian Health Service beneficiaries. Such written notice should include an explanation of their appeal rights as provided in §36a.14 of the part. These patients shall be offered assistance in locating other health care providers and medical assistance programs.

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#### § 136a.34 Care and treatment of people losing eligibility.

(a) Individuals who lose their eligibility on September 16, 1988, (end of the grace period) and on that date are actively undergoing treatment may still be provided services for a limited period in the following circumstances:

(1) Inpatients in IHS and IHS funded facilities and those receiving inpatient care under contract, including contract health services, may continue to receive such care and necessary follow-up services at Indian Health Service expense until the need for hospitalization and follow-up services has ended as determined by the responsible Indian Health Service or tribal physician, all other conditions being met including medical priorities;

(2) Those actively undergoing a course of outpatient treatment either in Indian Health Service and Indian Health Service funded facilities or through contract health services, termination of which would impair the health of the individual patient, may continue to receive the treatment at Indian Health Service expense for a reasonable length of time, until the course of treatment reaches a point where it may safely be terminated or the patient transferred to other providers as determined by the responsible Indian Health Service or tribal physician, all other conditions being met including medical priorities.

(3) Those under treatment for chronic degenerative conditions may be provided additional treatment at Indian

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Health Service expense for no longer than 1 year beyond the end of the grace period notwithstanding any determination that it was otherwise safe to transfer treatment to other providers, all other conditions being met including medical priorities.

(b) All patients receiving care under paragraph (a) of this section shall be notified in writing that, after discharge from care provided under any of the above circumstances, they will no longer be eligible for services as Indian Health Service beneficiaries. Such notice shall include an explanation of their appeal rights as provided in §36a.14 of this part. These patients shall be offered assistance in locating other health care providers and medical assistance programs.

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#### Subpart E—Preference in Employment

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#### § 136a.41 Definitions.

For purposes of making appointments to vacancies in all positions in the Indian Health Service a preference will be extended to persons of Indian descent who are:

(a) Members of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction;

(b) Descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation;

(c) All others of one-half or more Indian blood of tribes indigenous to the United States;

(d) Eskimos and other aboriginal people of Alaska; or

(e) Until January 4, 1990 or until the Osage Tribe has formally organized, whichever comes first, a person of at least one-quarter degree Indian ancestry of the Osage Tribe of Indians, whose rolls were closed by an act of Congress.

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