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**Proposed birth/death rate language**

**Proposed changes to current regulatory text are highlighted in redline**

**Sec. 1000.330 What are data sources for the need variables?**

- (a)** The sources of data for the need variables shall be data available that is collected in a uniform manner that can be confirmed and verified for all AIAN households and persons living in an identified area. Initially, the data used are U.S. Decennial Census data.
- (b)** The data for the needs variables shall be adjusted annually beginning the year after the needs data is collected, using Indian Health Service projections based upon birth and death rate data as provided by the National Center for Health Statistics.
- (c)** Tribes may challenge the data described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section pursuant to 1000.336.