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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 variable?**

The sources of data for the need variable 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. This data shall be updated annually beginning the year after the census data is collected using Indian Health Service or tribal population projections based upon birth and death rates- as provided by the National Center for Health Statistics, or other tribal projections provided by the tribe determined acceptable to HUD through the challenge process, calculated for the tribe's formula area geography by county or by Alaska Native Regional Corporation as provided by the National Center on Health Statistics or tribe. Data that is accepted by HUD as a result of a successful Census challenge will begin to be updated in the year subsequent to the data collection.