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Transfer of 603.2 acres of land in Sawyer County, Wisconsin, together with the buildings, from jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Wisconsin Department of Public Welfare was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

The transferred property is part of the former Hayward Boarding School and Hospital for Indians which originally embraced a tract of 640 acres. In May 1953, the hospital and 36.8 acres of the land were transferred to the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital Association, Inc. The remainder of the property has now been turned over to the State Department of Public Welfare for public purposes.

The transfer was made subject to the Federal reservation of mineral rights and is essentially a land transaction since most of the buildings are old and dilapidated.