



## **Capt. Carmen Clelland PharmD, MPA, MPH, MS Chief of Staff Indian Health Service**

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Capt. Carmen Clelland, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, is the chief of staff for the Indian Health Service, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The IHS is the principal federal health care advocate and provider of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As chief of staff, Clelland oversees the coordination of key agency activities and supports the Office of the Director in a broad range of duties related to the development and implementation of IHS initiatives and priorities.

Clelland most recently served as the senior health officer and director of tribal affairs in the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the Health Resources and Services Administration. His role at HRSA was to drive the agency's efforts to fully engage tribal nations to support advancing their health care workforce, resources, and services.

Previously, Clelland was the director of the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In this role, he coordinated CDC programs and policies that affected or benefited public health in Indian Country.

A U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Pharmacy Officer, Clelland returns to the Indian Health Service as chief of staff after previously serving for 19 years with the agency. During his previous tenure at IHS, he served in roles from clinician to executive at the local, area, and headquarters levels.

Clelland received his bachelor's and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He completed a Master of Public Administration in homeland security policy and coordination from Walden University, a Master of Public Health in healthcare corporate compliance from The George Washington University, and a Master of Science in pharmacogenomics from Manchester University.