



DuWayne Begay

Navajo Area Director

Indian Health Service

DuWayne Begay, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the area director of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service. His clans are Tsin Sikaadnii (Clamp Tree clan) born for Tódich'ii'nii (Bitter Water clan) and he is originally from Window Rock, Arizona.

As the director of the Navajo Area IHS, Begay is responsible for ensuring the provision of comprehensive health care services to tribes in the Four Corners area, comprising portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. The Navajo Area IHS system provides health care services through federally operated facilities and tribally managed programs assumed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. This includes five federally operated service units, several tribal health organizations, and one urban Indian organization health program.

Begay has more than 31 years of experience working with federal agencies, tribes, and local governments. He began his IHS career in 1992 serving in a number of acquisition positions including procurement agent, business specialist, and as senior procurement specialist for the Division of Acquisition Management, Navajo Area IHS. Since that time, he has served in multiple leadership roles within the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs as a supervisory contract specialist, regional budget officer, and deputy regional director from 2014 and 2020. He returned to the Navajo Area IHS in 2020 to serve as chief operating officer and acting deputy chief executive officer of the Gallup Service Unit, and transitioned to area executive officer from 2022 to 2023.

Begay has a Bachelor of Science with a business concentration in public service and a master's degree in management, both from the University of Phoenix, and a Ph.D. in psychology from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.