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Evangelyn “Angel” Castagna (Dotomain) is the director of the IHS Alaska Area. She is from Shaktoolik, a small Inupiaq village on the west coast of Alaska and is Cup’ik and Inupiaq Eskimo. As area director, Castagna is responsible for providing leadership in the administration of a comprehensive federal and tribal Alaska Native and American Indian health care system. With a patient population of more than 174,990, the Alaska Area IHS, in partnership with Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations, provides comprehensive health services to 228 federally recognized tribes in Alaska.

The Alaska Area IHS health care delivery system is linked to Alaska Native tribes, tribal health organizations, and villages, and to state and local agencies. IHS-funded, tribally-managed hospitals are located in Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome and Sitka. There are 58 health centers, 160 tribal community health aide clinics, and 5 residential substance abuse treatment centers. The Alaska Native Medical Center a 170-bed general medical and surgical hospital located in Anchorage, is the referral center for rural hospitals and clinics. Other health promotion/disease prevention programs that are state-wide in scope are operated by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, which is managed by representatives of all Alaska tribes.

Castagna joined the IHS in 2012 and has served in a number of leadership roles in the IHS Alaska Area. Most recently, she has served as acting director of the IHS Alaska Area since February 2019. She previously served as the executive officer of the IHS Alaska Area, deputy director of the National Indian Health Board in Washington, DC and president/CEO of the Alaska Native Health Board in Anchorage, Alaska.

Castagna earned a Master of Business Administration degree in health services administration from Alaska Pacific University. She completed her undergraduate education at Georgetown University McDonough School of Business in Washington, DC where she majored in international business.