



Dorothy A. Dupree Billings Area Director Indian Health Service

Ms. Dorothy A. Dupree, a member of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, is the Director of the Billings Area Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the principal federal health care advocate and provider of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In this position, Ms. Dupree provides leadership to the Billings Area and oversees the delivery of health care to more than 70,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives on seven reservations in Montana and one in Wyoming. The Billings Area has health care facilities ranging from acute care and critical access hospitals on the Blackfeet, Crow, and Fort Belknap reservations to several smaller ambulatory care services units, as well as five urban Indian health programs.

Ms. Dupree joined the IHS in the late 1980s and later served in a number of leadership roles in the Albuquerque Area, including Executive Officer and Acting Area Director. In 1999, she was the Senior Policy Advisor on Indian Health at the HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), serving in this capacity for 10 years. While in this position, Ms. Dupree addressed policy impacting Indian health care; established a Tribal Leaders Advisory Group; and established the CMS Tribal Affairs Office before returning to the IHS in 2008. Upon her return to IHS, Ms. Dupree served as the Director for the Tucson Area from 2008 to 2010 and the Director for the Phoenix Area from 2010 to 2015 where she was assigned to improve deficiencies identified through an internal IHS administrative review.

Ms. Dupree also completed a one-year, four-month assignment to the Billings Area as the Acting Area Director to focus on improving the quality of care. In December 2015, Ms. Dupree became the IHS Deputy Director of Quality Health Care, where she was responsible for ensuring quality of care through the IHS Direct Service health care program. Most recently, Ms. Dupree was the IHS Deputy Director, where she oversaw national operations of the IHS.

Ms. Dupree is the recipient of numerous awards from IHS and CMS, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, IHS Superior Performance awards, CMS Administrator's Achievement awards, and CMS Superior Performance awards. She was also recognized by tribal organizations and awarded the National Luna Wessel Leadership Award from the California Rural Indian Health Board and the National Impact Award from the National Indian Health Board.

Ms. Dupree received her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of North Dakota and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Arizona.