



CAPT Francis Frazier, MSN/FNP, MPH **Acting Director** **Great Plains Area** **Indian Health Service**

CAPT Francis Frazier, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, is the Acting Director of the Great Plains Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As Acting Director, CAPT Frazier has administrative responsibility for 19 service units consisting of seven hospitals and 10 health centers. He manages a varied health program for more than 130,000 American Indian people eligible for IHS services in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. The Great Plains Area serves 17 Tribes and supports two Urban Indian Health Programs. CAPT Frazier oversees a regional Indian health system composed of services provided through IHS federal government operated facilities and health care services provided by Tribes that have assumed partial or full responsibility for their own health care programs under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Before joining the IHS Great Plains Area, CAPT Frazier led the Office of Public Health Support at IHS Headquarters, which is responsible for agency evaluation and performance reporting, statistical reporting, as well as supporting health research nationally, and the IHS Institutional Review Board. With more than 20 years of service through the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, CAPT Frazier is also a military veteran, having served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division. He also has experience on Capitol Hill, having served a detail with the late Senator Daniel Inouye.

CAPT Frazier has previously served IHS direct service federal government operated health programs, tribal programs and Urban Indian Health Programs. Earlier in his career, CAPT Frazier worked as a nurse practitioner and registered nurse with the Seneca Nation of Indians and with Bristol Bay Health Corporation in Alaska. He also served as a registered nurse in pediatrics and intensive care and a clinical supervisor at Alaska Native Medical Center, when that facility was a part of the IHS direct service program. He also worked with an Urban Indian Health Program in Salt Lake City as a certified diabetes educator and in the private sector in clinical practice.

CAPT Frazier received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Montana State University, a Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Utah.