



Martha Ketcher

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Martha Ketcher, a member of the Cherokee Nation, is the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Nashville Area. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As Director of the Nashville Area, Ms. Ketcher is responsible for providing leadership and partnering with 29 Tribes in 14 states for the overall administration of a health care system which includes ambulatory clinics, P.L. 93-638 contracting and self-governance, Buy Indian, and Title V Urban authorities. Ms. Ketcher was the Acting Nashville Area Director from May 2010 to October 2012. During that time she helped strengthen Area operations in health services, financial oversight, and human resources.

During her career with IHS, Ms. Ketcher has served in several leadership roles in the Nashville Area office, including Director of Financial Management, Acting Executive Officer, and Deputy Area Director. In these positions, she has demonstrated a high level of management and business skills balanced with a commitment to the health care mission of the American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Ms. Ketcher is the recipient of numerous awards from HHS and IHS, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service recognition for dedication and expertise in self-governance contracting. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from Northeastern State University and a master's degree in health care management from the University of Phoenix.