



# **RADM Charles Ty Reidhead**

## **Phoenix Area Director**

### **Indian Health Service**

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RADM Charles Ty Reidhead, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota, is the Area Director of the Phoenix Area 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 of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As Area Director of the Phoenix Area, RADM Reidhead oversees the delivery of health care services to over 170,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. The Phoenix Area provides services ranging from inpatient and outpatient care to dental, behavioral health, public health nursing, health education, and environmental health. These services are provided through eight service units, two youth regional treatment centers, and three urban programs. The Phoenix Area works closely with 42 Tribes to provide health care and community health programs.

As the Chief Medical Officer for the Phoenix Area, RADM Reidhead served as the ranking officer for over 320 officers, and provided clinical leadership to over 200 medical providers delivering comprehensive care to over 170,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives.

RADM Reidhead began his career with IHS in 1997 as a primary care internist at the Whiteriver Indian Hospital in Arizona. In 2004, the IHS Director appointed him to serve as the National Chief Clinical Consultant in Internal Medicine. He coordinated a national initiative to improve the care and prevention of chronic disease. His efforts to improve primary care across the Indian health system from 2006-2010 grew into the contemporary Improving Patient Care Program (IPC), which has brought more than 100 sites together from across the country to participate in innovative work, transforming the delivery of primary care.

RADM Reidhead received his MPH from Harvard School of Public Health in November 2011. Prior to that, he was a 2009 fellow with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement wherein he led the IPC program, gained additional skills in improvement, and was exposed to large health care systems that are leading improvement around the world. He also assisted with the coordination of the National Hospital Consortium, a national initiative to improve hospital quality and safety.