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Athena S. Elliott, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, is the director of the Office of Management Services (OMS) effective April 1, 2018. Ms. Elliott served as the OMS director from 2005 to 2015. Ms. Elliott provides senior leadership and advisory services to the IHS Director and senior management staff in the areas of grants, acquisitions, management policy, regulatory affairs, and senior liaison services to the HHS Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office. She ensures that Agency policies for OMS functions are consistent with applicable regulations, directives, and guidance from HHS and other federal oversight agencies. She provides leadership for continuous improvement of management accountability and administrative systems for effective and efficient program support services IHS-wide.

Since 2015, Ms. Elliott has served as executive advisor to the IHS director, providing subject matter expertise and advice on administrative and financial issues that support the Agency's mission and program goals. Ms. Elliott has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving Indian health, including more than 30 years in federal service with the IHS and more than 7 years working in tribal health programs and other Indian business enterprises. Ms. Elliott has held a variety of positions at all service levels, including headquarters, area offices, and tribal positions, supporting work in the California, Albuquerque, Navajo, and Oklahoma City Areas, focusing on improving the efficiency and integrity of financial management systems supporting American Indians and Alaska Natives. She has received numerous awards during her professional career, including the IHS Director's Award for Excellence, the IHS exemplary award for group performance, the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for her work on the P.L. 93-638 negotiated rulemaking committee, and numerous other awards for superior administrative service throughout her federal career. Ms. Elliott also served on the President's Task Force for Health Care Reform in 1993.

Ms. Elliott holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration/accounting from California State University in Sacramento, California, and a master's degree in public administration from American University in Washington, D.C.