



Elizabeth A. Fowler **Deputy Director for** **Management Operations** **Indian Health Service**

Elizabeth A. Fowler, a member of the Comanche Nation with descendance from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is the Deputy Director for Management Operations for 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 Deputy Director for Management Operations, Ms. Fowler serves as the principal advisor to the IHS Director for the management of IHS operations. She is responsible for providing management direction to the IHS program offices, including implementing IHS agency goals and mission; providing overall organization management to improve agency performance; developing strategic plans; and planning, directing, and evaluating the operations of the Headquarters functions, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the Director.

Ms. Fowler began her career with IHS in 1990 in the headquarters division of Personnel Management. In December 1990, she moved to the Office of Public Health and worked in positions of increasing responsibility through October 2002, when she became the Deputy Director for Budget Formulation within the Division of Financial Management. In that role, Ms. Fowler was responsible for directing the development of the IHS budget documents from the preliminary phase through the congressional phase and ensuring tribal consultation in the process. Ms. Fowler most recently served as the Director of the Office of Finance and Accounting.

She has received numerous awards from the IHS and HHS, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, various IHS Director's Awards, and the Luana Reyes Leadership Award.

Ms. Fowler received her Bachelors of Science degree in mathematics from the University of Maryland. She has continued her professional education in business and accounting studies.