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Mitchell Thornbrugh is the Acting Chief Information Officer and the Acting Director of the Office of Information (OIT) 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. He is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribe.

Mr. Thornbrugh is responsible for advising senior IHS leadership on all aspects of information resource management and technology and ensures IHS compliance with information technology laws, regulations, and policies. Under his leadership, OIT designs, develops, implements, and maintains policies, budgets, standards, architecture, and systems for IHS information technology, including the IHS information technology security program that protects IHS resources. OIT also participates in cross-government initiatives and collaborates with federal, tribal, state, and other partners to serve American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Mr. Thornbrugh previously served as the Chief Operations Officer for the Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital since 2009. While there he streamlined administrative services, improved inventory management, and led the implementation of a commercial electronic health record. He also managed the transition and organizational change to a centralized revenue cycle team. Mr. Thornbrugh also served as the Chief Information Officer for Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital from 2005 to 2009, and has been a long-time member of the IHS Information Systems Advisory Committee (ISAC). He received the IT Eagle Award for his contribution to Georgia-Pacific during his tenure in their Information Technology group. In 2018 he was awarded the Executive Directors Financial Pillar Award from Cherokee Nation Health Services.

Mr. Thornbrugh has an Associate in Science from Connors State College and a Bachelor of Science in Business and Healthcare Management from Western Governors University.