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Christopher Mandregan, Jr., a tribal citizen of the Aleut Community of St. Paul, Alaska, is the deputy director for field operations for the Indian Health Service. 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 field operations, Mandregan oversees the 12 IHS area offices that include IHS and tribally managed service units; and, the IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. The Indian health care system delivers comprehensive services to nearly 2.6 million eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives residing on or near reservations directly served by the IHS or through tribally contracted and operated health programs. He also provides management oversight and expertise in formulating policies, goals, and strategies related to program operations and resource allocation.

Mandregan began his career with the Indian Health Service in 1986. In 1996, he was appointed as the executive officer for the IHS Alaska Area, responsible for administrative support services for the Area. In 1998, he accepted the position of Alaska area director, where he was responsible for the federal portion of the health care system for Alaska Natives and for conducting government-to-government relationships with tribes on behalf of the HHS Secretary. Mandregan returned to IHS headquarters in February 2019 to serve as acting deputy director for management operations.

Mandregan served as IHS acting deputy director from October 2007 through February 2009, and again from June 2016 to November 2016. He has also served as the agency lead negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Health Compact and has been instrumental in implementing Indian Self-Determination and Tribal Self-Governance in Alaska and other IHS areas.

Mandregan received the 2004 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service and the 2010 Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Service. He is also a recipient of the Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for Productivity from the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health.

Mandregan earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Washington State University and completed his Master of Public Health degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.