



Capt. Joe Bryant, Pharm.D., BCPS

Acting Deputy Director for Field Operations Indian Health Service

Capt. Joe Bryant, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, serves as the acting deputy director for field operations for the Indian Health Service (IHS). In this role, he provides leadership and oversight for IHS field operations, supporting the delivery of high-quality health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives across the IHS system.

Prior to this role, Bryant served as chief executive officer of the IHS Clinton Service Unit (CSU), where he led efforts to expand access to care, strengthen organizational performance, develop the workforce, and improve the patient experience. Under his leadership, CSU expanded specialty and diagnostic services and partnered with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to expand the El Reno Indian Health Center. Strategic growth in third-party revenue supported expanded patient care and workforce growth, while a sustained focus on service unit culture, staff development and recognition, and patient satisfaction contributed to increased employee engagement and increases in patient user population.

Bryant provides national leadership for IHS-wide initiatives, including serving as a High Impact Service Provider co-lead to improve Purchased/Referred Care operations and leading efforts to advance the IHS High-Risk Action Plan activities for Government Accountability Office high-risk priorities.

Bryant's career at IHS began in 2005 as a pharmacy practice resident at W.W. Hastings Hospital and advanced through increasingly responsible clinical, program, administrative, and executive leadership positions, including serving as a program specialist with the IHS National Supply Service Center, CSU chief of pharmacy and allied health director, administrative officer, and chief executive officer.

Bryant is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and recipient of the 2023 IHS Luana Reyes Leadership Award for exceptional initiative and performance.