



Rear Adm. Brandon L. Taylor, PharmD, BCPS Chief of Staff Indian Health Service

Rear Adm. Brandon Taylor, an enrolled member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, is the chief of staff for the Indian Health Service. As chief of staff, Taylor oversees the coordination of key agency activities and supports the Office of the Director in a broad range of duties related to the development and implementation of IHS initiatives and priorities.

Taylor previously served as the Southeast Region Commissioned Corps Liaison in the IHS Office of Human Resources, Division of Commissioned Personnel Support, where he was the principal advisor to over 500 officers, chief executive officers, area directors, tribal leadership and numerous supervisors for all Commissioned Corps matters from 2014 to 2018.

Taylor received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Campbell University School of Pharmacy in 1998 and upon graduation began his IHS career as a pharmacy practice resident at W. W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Following residency, Taylor served in several pharmacist positions before serving as the director of pharmacy for the Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital from 2011 to 2014. Taylor has held national board certification in Pharmacotherapy since 2004.

Throughout his career, Taylor has served in leadership roles. He served as team commander of U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Rapid Deployment Force 4 and has deployed several times, notably to Puerto Rico in 2017 for Hurricane Maria response and to Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2008 as part of the Afghanistan Health Initiative. From 2016 to 2019, Taylor served as the senior advisor to the American Indian/Alaska Native Commissioned Officer Advisory Committee, providing guidance and support to its leadership team. In 2017, the Surgeon General appointed Taylor to serve as the senior advisor for the Minority Officers Liaison Council, comprising of leadership from the chartered minority groups.

Taylor is the recipient of several honors and awards including the Vice Adm. Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award, Rear Adm. George Blue Spruce Jr. Flag Officer Award, IHS National Director's Award, Outstanding Service Medal, Cherokee Nation Medal of Patriotism, and IHS Oklahoma City Area Senior and Junior Pharmacist of the Year Awards.

Taylor has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for more than 26 years, and together they have four children.