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Dr. Vijay Kannan is the acting director of the Office of Clinical and Preventive Services at 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 Acting Director, Dr. Kannan is responsible for leading the agency's national-scale health programs and serving as the director of the Office of Clinical Performance and Health Impact, which leads the agency's work on monitoring and evaluation of clinical care, academic affairs, and telehealth. Prior to joining the IHS he served as a technical officer at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, working on emergency care capacity building, COVID-19 response, and integrated health systems quality, and prior to that as faculty at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where his academic focus was on the use of registry-based analytics and applied implementation science methodology for quality improvement.