



# Indian Health Careers in the Billings Area

*Opportunity. Adventure. Purpose.*

IHS health professionals who live and work in the Billings Area enjoy an abundance of outdoor sports and recreation, scenic landmarks, natural resources and extensive opportunities for professional fulfillment and cultural enrichment.



## Tribes of Montana and Wyoming

- Assiniboine
- Blackfeet Nation
- Chippewa Cree
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai
- Crow Nation
- Eastern Shoshone
- Gros Ventre
- Northern Arapaho
- Northern Cheyenne
- Sioux

*Health professionals living and working in the Billings Area will find themselves surrounded by sweeping mountains and vast prairies set beneath spectacular skies.*

## Providing Care in Montana and Wyoming

The Billings Area Indian Health Service (IHS) provides health care services to more than 70,000 American Indian and Alaska Native people in Montana and Wyoming. These services are delivered through six IHS-operated Service Units, three Tribally operated health departments and four Urban Indian Programs.

The Billings Area is committed to building strong partnerships with local Tribal governments, Tribal communities and Native Americans. Often working through formal consultation processes coordinated by the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council and meetings with Tribal Councils and Tribal Leaders at the local level, the Billings Area strives to improve the health status of its patients alongside the Governing Boards responsible for the operations of each of its health care facilities.

While each health care facility is unique, all Billings Area facilities are either accredited through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. They also meet the Conditions of Participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The dedicated staff of the Billings Area strive daily to improve the quality of health care delivery, through its Service Units comprised of hospitals and clinics, preventive health and outreach services, alcohol treatment centers, dental and eye care facilities and air and ground emergency transportation. Supporting the staff efforts, the Billings Area Leadership is accessible and responsive to those it serves, the Tribal Leaders and collaborating health care partners.

## A World of Opportunities

The Billings Area is hiring in Montana and Wyoming. Positions are available in many medical, professional and administrative specialties. IHS offers competitive salaries, a full range of benefits and, in some cases, signing bonuses. Many positions also offer relocation incentives and opportunities for government housing.

### Health Profession Openings by Discipline

- Advanced Practice Nurses
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Diagnostic Radiologic Technologists
- Medical Technologists
- Nurses
- Optometrists
- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Physical Therapists

*IHS offers a wide range of health profession opportunities in the Billings Area. Enjoy a unique work/life balance that provides rich rewards and ample time for family and recreational activities.*



## **IHS Career Options**

IHS offers clinicians a choice of three options to practice their specific health profession discipline: working as a federal civil service employee, as an Officer in the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service (USPHS) or directly for a Tribal or Urban Indian Program. Each of these career options offers career flexibility, competitive salaries and benefits and ample opportunity for advancement.

### **Federal Civil Service**

Professionals who choose to work in the federal civil service earn competitive salaries and are eligible for comprehensive federal and retirement benefits. They also enjoy significant career flexibility, eligibility for advancement and can transfer throughout IHS facilities while still maintaining their benefits.

### **US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps**

One of the seven uniformed services of the United States, the Commissioned Corps offers the opportunity to serve our nation in uniform as a health professional in certain disciplines. The Commissioned Corps is comprised of highly qualified public health professionals protecting, promoting and advancing the health and safety of the nation. Approximately 2,000 Commissioned Corps officers currently serve within IHS. Commissioned Corps officers are eligible for military retirement benefits.

### **Tribal or Urban Indian Programs**

Individuals interested in working within a Tribal or Urban Indian Program negotiate compensation and benefits directly with the Program or Tribe with whom they seek to work. Openings are available in both urban and rural areas.

*Our Mission: to raise the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of  
American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.*

## Did you know that you can pay off your health profession loans through our Loan Repayment Programs?

The IHS Loan Repayment Program offers health professionals practicing at IHS facilities an opportunity to pay off all of their eligible health education student loans in addition to receiving competitive salaries and benefits. Participants are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 per year and can extend their contract annually until all of their loans are paid off. Pursue the opportunity to build your career with IHS and work as part of an interdisciplinary team of health professionals, while gaining the financial freedom to live and work within some of the most picturesque settings in the country.

Additionally, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers primary care providers up to \$50,000 for a two-year service commitment to work at an approved NHSC site in a high-need, underserved area. Like IHS, NHSC LRP recipients can obtain additional loan repayment by extending their service.



# Billings Area

## Facility Locations and Major Cities

Name	City/State	Type
Blackfeet Community Hospital	Browning, MT	Hospital
Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital	Crow Agency, MT	Hospital
Fort Belknap Hospital	Harlem, MT	Hospital
Chief Redstone Clinic	Wolf Point, MT	Health Center
Eagle Child Health Station	Hays, MT	Health Center
Fort Washakie Health Center	Fort Washakie, WY	Health Center
Heart Butte Health Station	Heart Butte, MT	Health Center
Lodge Grass Health Clinic	Lodge Grass, MT	Health Center
Northern Cheyenne Health Center	Lame Deer, MT	Health Center
Pryor Health Clinic	Pryor, MT	Health Center
Verne E. Gibbs Clinic	Wolf Point, MT	Health Center
Helena Indian Alliance	Helena, MT	Urban Health Center
Indian Family Health Clinic	Great Falls, MT	Urban Health Center
Missoula Urban Indian Health Institute	Missoula, MT	Urban Health Center
North American Indian Alliance	Butte, MT	Urban Health Center
Flathead Community Health	Kalispell, MT	Tribal Health Center
Rocky Boy Tribal Health Center	Box Elder, MT	Tribal Health Center
Wind River Family and Community Healthcare	Arapahoe, WY	Tribal Health Center

Learn more about health profession opportunities in the Billings Area, visit [www.ihs.gov/Billings](http://www.ihs.gov/Billings).

## Discover a Work/Life Balance

Health professionals living and working in the Billings Area will have the opportunity to work against the backdrop of the Rocky Mountains' snowcapped peaks and the sweeping vistas of the Great Plains. While working daily with Native American communities, you'll learn about their heritage and customs, experience community gatherings and ceremonies and gain cultural insight into their traditional beliefs and values.

Spend your leisure time skiing, snowshoeing, mountain climbing, hiking, camping and fishing. Explore Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park and Old Faithful Geyser. Visit the Area's abundance of historical museums, including the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum. Learn about life in the Wild West at Wyoming's Buffalo Bill Center of the West or the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum. Enjoy local cultural events such as Montana Pow wow Season (June – August) and the Annual Big Sky Montana Wilderness Medicine Conference in July.

*In the Billings Area, you'll marvel at ice-capped mountain ranges and clear glacier lakes by day, and breathe the crisp, pine-scented air while stargazing into the vast sky at night.*

Families thrive in the Billings area with many educational options, including schools for public and private K-12 education and universities. The Billings Area also offers local services and businesses, family-friendly activities and places of worship. Ample housing opportunities are available, including IHS-sponsored housing.

Living in the Billings Area means relaxing into a spacious, low-key lifestyle where you'll get to know your colleagues, patients and neighbors and enjoy the simple pleasures of nature and daily living.





**Contact a recruiter to learn more about Indian health opportunities in the Billings Area**

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