

# Reporting Relationships to the Senior Staff in the Office of the Director

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HEADQUARTERS  
 REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS TO THE SENIOR STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
 DIRECTOR  
 As of December 17, 2025  
 [THIS IS NOT AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART]

**Director, Vacant**  
**Deputy Director, Benjamin Smith**

Deputy Director Benjamin Smith (reports to the Director)	Chief of Staff Clayton W. Fulton (reports to the Director)	Deputy Director for Management Operations (DDMO) Darrell LaRoche (reports to the Deputy Director)	Deputy Director for Field Operations (DDFO) Beverly Cotton (reports to the Deputy Director)	Deputy Director for Field Operations (DDFO) – Northern Group Chris Buchanan Deputy Director for Field Operations (DDFO) – Southern Group James Driving Hawk (reports to the Chief Medical Officer)	Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Loretta Christensen (reports to the Deputy Director)	Deputy Director for Quality Healthcare and Enterprise Risk Management (DDQHERM) Michelle Boylan (reports to the Deputy Director)	Deputy Director for Intergovernmental and External Affairs (DDIEA) Stacey Ecoffey (reports to the Deputy Director)	Chief Information Officer (CIO) Mitchell Thornbrugh (reports to the Deputy Director)
Deputy Director for Management Operations	Deputy Director	Associate Director for Management Operations	Alaska Area Office	All Northern Group CEOs of Hospitals and Clinics	Deputy Director for Field Operations – Northern Group	Office of Quality	Office of Indian Self Determination and Self- Governance	Office of Information Technology
Deputy Director for Field Operations – Area Directors	Director of Strategic Initiatives	Office of Environmental Health and Engineering	Albuquerque Area Office	All Southern Group CEOs of Hospitals and Clinics	Deputy Director for Field Operations – Southern Group		Office of Tribal and Urban Affairs	
Deputy Director for Intergovernmental and External Affairs	Office of Human Resources	Equal Employment Opportunity Staff	Bemidji Area Office		Office of Clinical and Preventive Services		Office of External Affairs	
Chief Medical Officer	Office of Finance and Accounting	Office of Resource Access and Partnerships	Billings Area Office		Office of Public Health Support			

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Deputy Director for Quality Healthcare and Enterprise Risk Management		Office of Management Services	California Area Office					
Chief Information Officer			Great Plains Area Office					
			Nashville Area Office					
			Navajo Area Office					
			Oklahoma City Area Office					
			Phoenix Area Office					
			Portland Area Office					
			Tucson Area Office					