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### IHS Announces New Bemidji Area Director

The Indian Health Service today announced the appointment of Daniel Frye as director of the [IHS Bemidji Area](#). As area director, he is responsible for providing leadership in the administration of a comprehensive federal, tribal, and urban Indian health care system.

"I want to congratulate Daniel Frye on his selection as area director for the IHS Bemidji Area," said Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, IHS principal deputy director. "Under his leadership, we will continue to improve and provide access to quality health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin."

Frye, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, began his IHS career in 2017 at the White Earth Service Unit where he served as the clinical services administrator. In June 2018, he accepted the position of CEO at the White Earth Service Unit in the Bemidji Area. Prior to working for the IHS, Frye worked as a quality improvement specialist and data analyst for the Health Division of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians where he was involved with special projects, including a tribal action plan and conducting a tribal census.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to lead the IHS Bemidji Area," Frye said. "I look forward to continuing the great progress staff across the region has made in improving and sustaining quality health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives."

Frye holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Master of Health Administration from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

With a patient population of more than 110,500, the Bemidji Area provides clinical service and support to 34 federally recognized Tribes and six urban Indian programs in Illinois, Indiana Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Bemidji Area Office operates three direct service programs at Cass Lake Hospital in Cass Lake, Minnesota, Red Lake Hospital in Red Lake, Minnesota, and White Earth Health Center in Ogema, Minnesota.

IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. Our mission is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. Follow the agency via social media on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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