



## **Santiago Almaraz**

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Santiago Almaraz, an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, is the director of the Office of Management Services for 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 director of OMS, Almaraz provides senior leadership and advisory services to the IHS principal deputy director and senior management staff in the areas of grants, acquisitions, management policy, and regulatory affairs. He ensures that agency policies for OMS functions are consistent with applicable regulations, directives, and guidance from HHS and other federal oversight agencies. He provides leadership for continuous improvement of management accountability and administrative systems for effective and efficient program support services IHS-wide.

Almaraz began his federal career in 2003 as a contract specialist with the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service. He previously served in acquisitions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 2009 to 2016. Almaraz has served as the IHS director for the Division of Acquisition Policy and Head of Contracting Activity since 2016.

Almaraz holds a Bachelor of Science in business management from the University of Phoenix.