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Rear Adm. Francis Frazier is the Director for the Indian Health Service Office of Public Health Support (OPHS) at IHS Headquarters. 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. Frazier is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

As Director of OPHS, Rear Adm. Frazier leads the team that provides nationwide research and public health response activities for IHS. OPHS oversees disease epidemiology, prevention, and control activities for both infectious and chronic diseases, ensuring that IHS responds in a coordinated way to emerging and ongoing disease threats. OPHS is responsible for IHS Government Performance Reporting Act reporting for Congress, in which IHS reports performance on clinical measures as part of the annual U.S. government budget process. OPHS produces statistical information and publications on American Indian and Alaska Native health widely used by policymakers, journalists, and health administrators. OPHS also supports research by IHS staff and external researchers by operating the IHS Institutional Review Board, which reviews and approves proposed studies and papers to ensure patient privacy and compliance.

Rear Adm. Frazier most recently served as the Acting Director of the IHS Great Plains Area comprising Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. In this role, he had administrative responsibility for seven hospitals and 10 health centers that serve 17 Tribes and more than 130,000 American Indian people eligible for IHS services. With more than 20 years of service through the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Frazier is also a military veteran, having served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division. He also has experience on Capitol Hill.

Prior to his work as OPHS Director, Rear Adm. Frazier served as Acting Director and Deputy Director of OPHS. Earlier in his career, Frazier worked as a nurse practitioner and registered nurse with the Seneca Nation of Indians and with Bristol Bay Health Corporation in Alaska. He also served as a registered nurse in pediatrics and intensive care and a clinical supervisor at Alaska Native Medical Center. He also worked with an Urban Indian Health Program in Salt Lake City as a certified diabetes educator and in the private sector in clinical practice.

Rear Adm. Frazier received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Montana State University, a Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Utah.