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## **Don J. Davis, M.P.H. Phoenix Area Director Indian Health Service**

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Don J. Davis, a Creek-Seminole Indian, began his federal career in 1959 as a clerk in the Bureau of Medical Services in the Phoenix Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. He then worked in the private and military sector for 8 years before returning to government service in the Supply Department of the Administrative Services Branch of the IHS. He was selected to participate in the management internship program in 1971. After completion of the program in 1973, Mr. Davis worked at IHS Headquarters in Rockville as an Administrative Management Specialist. He held positions of increasing responsibility within the Agency and the Phoenix Area, including Hospital Administrative Officer and Executive Officer, before his selection as Director of the Portland Area in 1984. In 1987, Mr. Davis returned to the Phoenix Area as Director.

As the Director of the IHS Phoenix Area, Mr. Davis manages a unique health care program covering the states of Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. The Phoenix Area provides medical and public health services to more than 43 federally recognized tribes with a combined population of more than 150,000 American Indians. The Phoenix Area provides health services through 10 service units, 8 IHS hospitals, 17 Health Centers operated jointly by the IHS and tribes, one school health center, and 4 tribally managed contract health service programs. Services provided include clinical inpatient and outpatient care, along with environmental health, mental health, dental, nutrition and dietetic services. As part of a national Indian health system of federal, tribal, and urban programs, the Phoenix Area also contributes to the support of three urban health programs located in Sparks, Nev.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Davis received an associate of arts degree in business administration from Phoenix College in 1970. He went on to receive a bachelor of science in business administration from Arizona State University and completed a masters of public health in hospital administration from the University of California. In 2001, Mr. Davis was selected as a recipient of the Presidential Rank Meritorious Award. These awards are presented annually to top federal managers for extended, exceptional performance in the federal government. Among other honors and awards presented to Mr. Davis are the Public Health Service Award for Administrative Excellence and the Health Resource Services Administration Medallion Award. He also received a Superior Work Performance Award and a PHS Special Recognition Award. Mr. Davis is a member of the Arizona Hospital Association.