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## Indian Health Service Appoints Top Management Official

Phyllis G. Eddy, a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, has been appointed as the Deputy Director of Management Operations (DDMO) for the Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Charles W. Grim, the Director of the IHS, an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services, announced Ms. Eddy's appointment on February 18, 2005.

"Ms. Eddy brings to this position excellent experience related to Agency resources, organizational structure, operational function, policy development and implementation, and federal authorities," stated Dr. Grim. "I am certain Ms. Eddy will continue to be a great asset to the Agency in our ongoing efforts to improve the health and wellness of American Indian and Alaska Native people."

As DDMO, Ms. Eddy will serve as the principal advisor to the IHS Director for the management of IHS operations. She will be responsible for providing management direction to the IHS program offices, including implementing agency goals and mission; providing overall organization management to improve agency performance; developing strategic plans; and planning, directing, and evaluating the operations of the Headquarters functions, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the Director.

Ms. Eddy began her career with the Indian Health Service in 1978 as a Program Analyst at the Office of Research and Development in Tucson, Arizona. In 1981, she transferred to the Nashville Area IHS, where she worked as the Area Alcoholism Program Consultant and Health Program Project Officer. In 1986, Ms. Eddy accepted an assignment in IHS Headquarters, where she led the development of the initial spending plan for the implementation of the Indian provisions of Public Law 99-570, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, which provided treatment and prevention services for American Indian and Alaska Native children and adolescents. In March 1990, she was selected as Special Assistant to the Director of Headquarters Operations. She held this position until July 1998, when she was selected for the position of Deputy Director of the Office of Management Support.

Ms. Eddy holds a master of science in social work degree from the University of Tennessee, and a master of public administration degree from the University of Southern California.



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