



## **Dorothy A. Dupree Director, Tucson Area Indian Health Service**

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Ms. Dorothy A. Dupree, a member of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, was appointed to the position of Director, Tucson Area Indian Health Service (IHS), on August 18, 2008. Ms. Dupree has extensive IHS and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) career experience in working with the IHS and tribal leadership served by the Tucson Area.

Ms. Dupree previously served in the IHS Albuquerque Area as the Acting Area Director from 1995 to 1996, Executive Officer from 1995 to 1999, and the Director of Tribal Affairs from 1991 to 1995. She also worked as Finance Director for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe prior to joining the IHS.

In 1999, Ms Dupree was detailed to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to serve as the Senior Policy Advisor, Indian health programs, and subsequently began working directly for CMS in the same capacity as Senior Policy Advisor. In 2007, Ms. Dupree became the Director of the Tribal Affairs Group, a new office established within the CMS Office of the Administrator. In that capacity, Ms. Dupree was responsible for providing ongoing guidance and technical support to CMS senior leadership, policy staff, ten HHS Regional Administrators, and State officials regarding programs operated by the IHS and Tribes. She provided them with assistance in addressing Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program issues impacting IHS and tribal health care programs.

Ms. Dupree is the recipient of numerous awards from IHS and CMS, including the HHS Secretary Award for Distinguished Service, IHS Superior Performance Awards, CMS Administrator's Achievement Awards, and CMS Superior Performance Awards. She has also been recognized by Tribes, having received the National Luna Wessel Leadership Award from the California Rural Indian Health Board and the National Impact Award from the National Indian Health Board.

Ms. Dupree received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of North Dakota and her master's degree in business administration from the University of Arizona.