



## **Doni L. Wilder**

### **Acting Deputy Director**

### **Indian Health Service**

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Doni L. Wilder, an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux tribe, was appointed as Acting Deputy Director for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in February 2009. As the Acting Deputy Director of the IHS, Ms. Wilder shares responsibility with the IHS Director for the total management of the agency. This includes the setting of overall agency priorities, policies, and strategic direction, and providing significant input in managing the formulation, justification, and execution of the agency budget.

Ms. Wilder previously served as the Acting Deputy Director for Indian Health Policy from March 3 to June 30, 2008. In this capacity, Ms. Wilder served as the principal advisor to the IHS Director for policy formulation and communications activities, which included implementing the Agency's goals and mission, and developing strategic plans and policies in support of the Director.

Following and previous to serving as the Acting Deputy Director for Indian Health Policy, Ms. Wilder served as the IHS Portland Area Director where she managed a unique health care program that includes clinical, dental, behavioral health, nutrition, environmental health, and facility construction services. Ms. Wilder also managed a large Contract Health Service (CHS) program through which inpatient and specialty care are purchased. The Portland Area IHS provides access to health care for an estimated 158,000 American Indian residents of 43 Tribes located in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. It also provides funding to three urban health clinics located in Seattle and Spokane, WA, and in Portland, OR, and two youth residential treatment programs.

Ms. Wilder began her career in Indian health in 1983 as the Assistant General Manager of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. In 1986, she joined the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and became the Executive Director in 1989. She served in that capacity until 1998 when she accepted the position of Area Director for the IHS Portland Area.

Ms. Wilder earned a bachelor of science degree in anthropology from Portland State University (PSU). She continued her professional education at PSU in Education and Public Administration. Among her awards are a special recognition from the National Indian Health Board for her work in rebuilding that organization and a 10-year service award from the NPAIHB recognizing her contribution to national resource allocation and information system issues.