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Capt. John Rael, an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Isleta, is the director of the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships for the Indian Health Service. 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.

As director of ORAP, Capt. Rael is responsible for providing direction and leadership in the areas of purchased/referred care, business office and third-party collections, and partnerships with other agencies and organizations. The office deals with over \$1 billion in collections and purchased/referred care funds. ORAP focuses on supplementing IHS' appropriated funds with other federal, state, and private sector resources through revenue generation and enhancing federal and tribal access to those resources. ORAP consists of the [Division of Contract Care](#) and the [Division of Business Office Enhancement](#).

Since December 2014, Capt. Rael had served as the chief executive officer at the Albuquerque Service Unit, serving an active patient population of 30,000 and overseeing a budget of \$25 million. He previously served as a management analyst in the ORAP Division of Business Office Enhancement, and as a business office manager at the Santa Fe Service Unit and the Jicarilla Service Unit.

Capt. Rael has been with the Indian Health Service since 2003, when he transferred into the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps after serving for 10 years in the United States Navy. Capt. Rael earned his U.S. Navy commission after receiving his Master of Business Administration from New Mexico State University in 2000. He received his undergraduate degree in 1998 from Campbell University in North Carolina.

Capt. Rael has received numerous awards from the IHS, USPHS and U.S. Navy, including the IHS Director's Award for his deployment role to the Rosebud Service Unit.