



## **Joe Amiotte**

### **Great Plains Area Director**

### **Indian Health Service**

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Joe Amiotte, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is the director for the Great Plains Area Indian Health Service. He previously served as acting director for the Great Plains Area IHS from November 2022 to June 2023.

As area director, Amiotte is responsible for overseeing comprehensive health care and environmental health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. With 17 tribes and an estimated patient population of approximately 130,000, the Great Plains Area IHS delivers health services through 19 service units, which include seven hospitals, eight health centers, and several smaller health stations and satellite clinics.

Amiotte has more than 23 years of experience working with federal agencies, tribes, and local governments. He began his IHS career as a supervisory sanitarian, and later served as the director of the Billings Area Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. Later, Amiotte served as the acting chief executive officer for the Wind River Service Unit in the Billings Area IHS, and subsequently as the CEO for the Rapid City Service Unit in the Great Plains Area IHS. From July 2019 to November 2022, Mr. Amiotte served the Great Plains Area IHS as the director for field operations.

Mr. Amiotte holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Black Hills State University and a Master of Science degree in environmental health from East Carolina University.