



## **Mitchell Thornbrugh, MBA**

Chief Information Officer

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Mitchell Thornbrugh is the chief information officer and the director of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for the Indian Health Service. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal healthcare advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives. He is an enrolled member of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

Thornbrugh leads the IHS in all aspects of information resource management and technology and promotes adherence to federal information technology laws, regulations, and policies. Under his leadership, OIT designs, develops, implements, and maintains policies, budgets, standards, architecture, and systems for IHS information technology, including the IHS Health IT Modernization Program. He also manages OIT's participation in cross-government initiatives with federal, tribal, state, and other partners to serve American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As CIO, Thornbrugh is a key IHS Health IT Modernization Program leader. The Program offers IHS health partners an enterprise electronic health record system to provide consistent patient-centered care through proven best practices, secure technology, and shared data. He works closely with tribal, urban, and federal partners to deploy and operate the new system to improve patient safety and patient outcomes for more than 2.8 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Thornbrugh was selected as a winner of the [2023 FedHealth/IT 100 Leaders Driving Change and Advancement](#) in the federal health IT community. Western Governors University recognized him as one of fifteen [2023 Distinguished Graduates](#). He received the Executive Director's Financial Pillar Award from Cherokee Nation Health Services in 2018 and has been honored with the Information Technology Eagle Award from Georgia-Pacific for his contributions during his tenure in their information technology group. Thornbrugh holds a Master of Business Administration and Healthcare Management from Western Governors University.