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Albuquerque Area Director

Indian Health Service

Leonard D. Thomas, M.D., an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the Area Director for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Thomas previously served as the Acting Area Director from 2015 through 2016 and 2009 to 2010 and also held the position of Chief Medical Officer for the Albuquerque Area Office.

As the Albuquerque Area Director, Dr. Thomas will provide leadership to 10 service units and 25 Pueblos and Tribes in New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas. The Albuquerque Area delivers services at the community level through a system of 1 hospital, 14 health centers, 6 health stations, 2 urban Indian programs, one dental center, and one regional residential treatment center. Most health facilities are strategically located near population centers. These facilities offer a broad range of acute care, preventive care, chronic disease treatment, and environmental and educational services to Tribes.

Dr. Thomas began his IHS career in the Billings Area at the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Service Unit where he served as a Family Practice Medical Officer, Chief Medical Officer, and Clinical Director from July 1999 to August 2002. In September 2002, he accepted the position of Taos/Picuris Service Unit Clinical Director in the IHS Albuquerque Area.

Dr. Thomas completed the Executive Leadership Development Program in September 2001 and participated in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Primary Health Care Policy Fellowship in 2004 as an IHS representative. He served on the 2006 Director's Executive Council representing the National Council of Chief Medical Officers and the 2007 Director's Executive Council Steering Group. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Association of American Indian Physicians.

Dr. Thomas was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology and Chemistry from Fort Lewis College in Colorado. He attended and graduated from the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine and completed a 3-year family practice residency at Saint Joseph's Medical Center in Indiana.