

# The Indian Health Service Establishes New Office for Indian Veterans Support

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The Indian Health Service (IHS) has announced the creation of a new Office for Indian Veterans Support to strengthen federal coordination and improve services for American Indian and Alaska Native veterans.

The office will be led by Capt. Carmen “Skip” Clelland, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. As Director, Capt. Clelland will guide efforts that support Native veterans’ health and well-being, serve as the primary liaison among IHS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations, and ensure that Native veterans’ needs are represented across federal systems. NCUIH will continue to follow this development and share updates relevant to Urban Indian Organizations and the veterans they serve.