



Rear Admiral Brandon L. Taylor, PharmD, BCPS

Pharmacist Representative



RADM Brandon Taylor serves as the Chief of Staff for the Indian Health Service (IHS), overseeing the coordination of key agency activities and supporting the Office of the Director in a broad range of duties related to the development and implementation of IHS initiatives and priorities. RADM Taylor, an enrolled member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, has worked throughout his career to improve access to care in underserved communities throughout the nation and world.

RADM Taylor previously served as the IHS Southeast Region Commissioned Corps Liaison, where he was the principal advisor to over 500 officers, chief executive officers, area directors, tribal leaders and supervisors for all Commissioned Corps matters.

RADM Taylor began his Commissioned Corps career as a pharmacy student, completing three Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Externship Program (JRCOSTEP) tours with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In 1998, RADM Taylor received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the Campbell University School of Pharmacy and began his IHS career as a pharmacy practice resident at W. W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah, OK. Following residency, RADM Taylor served in various pharmacist positions before serving as the Director of Pharmacy for the Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital from 2011 to 2014. Dr. Taylor has held national board certification in Pharmacotherapy (BCPS) since 2004 from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

RADM Taylor has served as team commander of Tier I response team, Rapid Deployment Force 4 (RDF-4), and has deployed for numerous missions, notably to Puerto Rico in 2017 for Hurricane Maria and to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2008 as part of the Afghanistan Health Initiative. RADM Taylor played a key role in revitalizing the Corps' partnership with Remote Area Medical (RAM), leading three humanitarian missions in rural Oklahoma. From 2016 to 2019, RADM Taylor served as the senior advisor to the American Indian/Alaska Native Commissioned Officer Advisory Committee (AIANCOAC), providing guidance and support to AIANCOAC leadership. In 2017, the Surgeon General appointed RADM Taylor to serve as the Senior Advisor for the Minority Officers Liaison Council (MOLC).

RADM Taylor is the recipient of several honors and awards including the 2017 VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award, 2019 RADM George Blue Spruce Jr Flag Officer Award, IHS National Director's Award, USPHS Outstanding Service Medal, Cherokee Nation Medal of Patriotism, and IHS Oklahoma City Area Senior and Junior Pharmacist of the Year Awards.