



Charles W. Grim, D.D.S., M.H.S.A.

Secretary of Health

Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

Charles W. Grim, D.D.S. is the Secretary of Health for the Chickasaw Nation located in Ada, Oklahoma. He serves as the executive in charge of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH) that provides health care for a patient population that exceeds 90,000 in a 13-county tribal service area but come from communities throughout the United States.

Prior to joining CNDH, Dr. Grim served for ten years in various leadership roles for the Cherokee Nation health system located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, ultimately serving as their Executive Director. Prior to that held a 26-year career with the Indian Health Service (IHS) headquartered in Rockville, Maryland and was ultimately appointed by President George W. Bush and received unanimous Senate confirmation as the Director in 2002.

As the Director of IHS, Dr. Grim administered the nationwide multi-billion-dollar health care delivery program that provides preventative, curative and community health care to approximately 1.9M American Indian and Alaska Natives.

At a Glance: Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

- Annual Budget: \$305M
- Employees: 1,500
- Patient Encounters: 1M+
- Patient Population: 90,000
- Facilities Square Footage: 750,000 (1.2M by 2025)
- 72-bed medical center
- Three outpatient clinics

Background

- Retired Assistant Surgeon General & Rear Admiral of the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Services (USPHS)
- Graduate, University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
- Masters in Health Services Administration, University of Michigan
- Citizen of the Cherokee Nation

Recognition

- Alumni of the Year, University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry 2019
- Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry
- Exemplary Service Medallion, U.S. Surgeon General
- Health Leader of the Year, Commissioned Officers Association
- Numerous professional associations and boards

Dr. Grim and his wife, Dr. Gloria Grim, have five children.



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