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G.H. Ivey has returned to Alaska as area director of the Alaska Area Native Health Service.

In October 1984 he was promoted to the senior executive service position of deputy director of Indian Health Service in Rockville, Md.

Ivey, an Athabaskan Indian, joined the IHS in 1969 as the Alaska Area Native Affairs officer. In 1973 he was promoted to area executive officer and in 1975 was selected area director.

Born in McGrath, he graduated from Mount Edgecumbe High School and received a Bachelor of Education degree and Master of Education degree from the University of Alaska. He earned a Master's in Public Health degree from the University of California in 1972.

He has worked closely with the Alaska Native Health Board in the formulation of Native health policies.

In June 1984 Ivey was awarded the Health Resources and Services Administration Administrator's Award for Excellence. He was cited for his leadership of the Alaska Area Native Health Service, for his keen sensitivity to the health care needs of the Native people and his strong motivation to satisfy those needs to the greatest extent possible.

He is credited for early recognition and importance of the Hepatitis B problem and the commitment of substantial resources to deal with it. He is also a strong supporter of Indian self-determination.