

Trump Administration

Key Policy and Health Policy Personnel

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CABINET

Secretary of State: Rex Tillerson

Rex Tillerson is the former chairman and CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation. He joined the company in 1975 as a production engineer. The Senate confirmed Mr. Tillerson as Secretary of State by a vote of 56-43 on February 1.

Secretary of Treasury: Steven Mnuchin

Mnuchin worked as the national finance chairman of Trump's presidential campaign. He is a former partner at Goldman Sachs, founded the hedge fund Dune Capital Management, and was an investor in the film industry. The Treasury Secretary acts as an advisor on tax policy. Their Department is responsible for collecting taxes and enforcing tax law, which covers the formation of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and tax deductibility for health care expenses. The Senate confirmed Mr. Mnuchin by a vote of 53-47 on February 13.

Secretary of Defense: General James Mattis

General James Mattis is a retired Marine general. Mattis has more recently worked as a national security fellow at the Hoover Institution. His appointment required a waiver from Congress due to the seven-year buffer required of former military officers before they are allowed to head the Department of Defense. Gen. James Mattis was confirmed as Secretary of Defense on January 20 by a vote of 98-1.

Attorney General: Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.)

Sen. Sessions began his legal career as a practicing attorney in Russellville, Alabama, and then in Mobile. Following a two-year stint as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Sessions was nominated by President Reagan in 1981 and confirmed by the Senate to serve as the United States Attorney for Alabama's Southern District, a position he held for 12 years. Sessions was elected Alabama Attorney General in 1995, serving as the state's chief legal officer until 1997, when he entered the United States Senate. Sessions sat on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The Senate confirmed Sen. Sessions by a vote of 52-47 on February 8.

Secretary of the Interior: Representative Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.)

Congressman Ryan Zinke was formerly the sole Representative of Montana in the United States House. Ryan is a fifth generation Montanan, former state senator and a 23-year U.S. Navy SEAL veteran. In 2014, Ryan became the first Navy SEAL elected to the House. He served on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Natural Resources. The Senate confirmed Mr. Zinke by a vote of 68-31 on March 1.

Secretary of Agriculture: Sonny Perdue

Sonny Perdue is an American politician who served as the 81st Governor of Georgia from 2003 to 2011. Perdue currently serves on the Governors' Council of the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC. Prior to his career in politics, Perdue worked as a veterinarian before becoming a small business owner. The Senate confirmed Mr. Perdue by vote of 87-11 on April 24.

Secretary of Commerce: Wilbur Ross

Ross worked as an economic advisor to Trump during his campaign. Ross is chairman and chief strategist of the private equity firm W.L. Ross & Co. He is a former banker and investor in industrial business. The Senate confirmed Mr. Ross by a vote of 72-27 on February 27.

Secretary of Labor: Alexander Acosta

Following the withdrawal of Andrew Puzder from consideration as Labor Secretary on February 15, President Trump tapped Alexander Acosta for the position. Acosta is an attorney and dean of the Florida International University College of Law. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to the National Labor Relations Board and later served as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and federal prosecutor for the Southern District of Florida. The Senate confirmed Mr. Acosta by a vote of 60-38 on April 27.

Secretary of Health and Human Service: Alex Azar

Azar served as general counsel (2001-2005) and deputy secretary (2005-2007) of HHS during the Bush administration. He then served for a decade at Eli Lilly as senior vice president of corporate affairs and communications leading the company's U.S. operations. He is the former chairman and founder of Seraphim Strategies, LLC, a strategic consulting firm focused on the biopharmaceutical and health insurance industries. Azar earned an A.B. summa cum laude in government and economics from Dartmouth, and a J.D. from Yale. He clerked for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court of the United States. He was a member of the board of HMS Holdings Corporation (NASDAQ: HMSY) and previously served on the Boards of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) (Executive Committee and Co-Chairman of the Reimbursement Committee), the Healthcare Leadership Council (Treasurer), and the National Association of Manufacturers. The Senate confirmed Mr. Azar by a vote of 55-43.

Secretary of Education: Betsy DeVos

Betsy DeVos was tapped for the position of Secretary of Education. DeVos is a Michigan Republican activist and philanthropist. She is the former chairwoman of the Michigan Republican Party, and is currently the chairman of The Windquest Group, a Michigan-based investment management company. The Senate confirmed Ms. DeVos by a vote of 51-50 on February 7.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development: Ben Carson, MD

Dr. Carson is a retired surgeon who is known for being a pioneer in the field of neurosurgery. He worked as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 1984 until his retirement in 2013, making him the youngest chief of pediatric neurosurgery in the country at age 33. He has received more than 60 honorary doctorate degrees, dozens of national merit citations, and written over 100 neurosurgical publications. In 2008, he was bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States. Dr. Carson ran as a Republican in the 2016 presidential elections. He has never held public office. The Senate confirmed Dr. Carson by a vote of 58-41 on March 2.

Secretary of Transportation: Elaine Chao

Elaine Chao was the 24th U. S. Secretary of Labor who served from 2001-2009. Secretary Chao's career spans the public, private and non-profit sectors. She is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of America and former Director of the Peace Corps. Her government service also includes serving as Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, Deputy Maritime Administrator, and White House Fellow. Prior to her government service, she was Vice President of Syndications at BankAmerica Capital Markets Group and a banker with Citicorp in New York. The Senate approved Ms. Chao's nomination on January 31 by a vote of 93-6.

Secretary of Energy: Rick Perry

Rick Perry is a Republican politician who served as the 47th Governor of Texas from 2000 to 2015. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Texas in 1998, and assumed the governorship when then-Governor

George W. Bush resigned to become president. Perry was the chairman of the Republican Governors Association in 2008 and again in 2011. He ran unsuccessfully for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012 and 2016. The Senate confirmed Mr. Perry by a vote of 62-37 on March 2.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs: David Shulkin, MD

The Honorable Dr. David J. Shulkin is the former Under Secretary for Health for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Prior to being nominated by President Obama and being confirmed by the United States Senate as Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Shulkin served in numerous chief executive roles including serving as President at Morristown Medical Center, Goryeb Children's Hospital, and Atlantic Rehabilitation Institute, and the Atlantic Health System Accountable Care Organization. Dr. Shulkin also previously served as President and CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Shulkin has held numerous physician leadership roles including the Chief Medical Officer of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University Hospital, and the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital. Dr. Shulkin has also held academic positions including the Chairman of Medicine and Vice Dean at Drexel University School of Medicine. As an entrepreneur, Dr. Shulkin founded and served as the Chairman and CEO of DoctorQuality one of the first consumer-oriented sources of information for quality and safety in healthcare. Dr. Shulkin is a board-certified internist, a fellow of the American College of Physicians. The Senate unanimously confirmed Dr. Shulkin on February 13.

Thomas Bowman was appointed Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He was formerly the majority staff director for the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, and has previously worked at the VA. He retired as a colonel after 30 years in the Marine Corps.

Acting Secretary of Homeland Security: Elaine Duke

Elaine Duke became the Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on July 31, 2017. She was previously sworn in as the seventh Deputy Secretary of DHS on April 10, 2017. Prior to her appointment, Acting Secretary Duke was the principal of Elaine Duke & Associates, LLC, where she provided acquisition and business consulting services to large and small businesses. Acting Secretary Duke has served in the federal government for nearly three decades, most recently as the Department's Senate-confirmed Under Secretary for Management, a position she held from 2008-2010.

White House Deputy Chief of Staff **Kirstjen Nielson** has been nominated as the next Secretary of Homeland Security. Nielsen is a cybersecurity expert and attorney, and was a top aide to John Kelly during his time as Secretary.

Chief of Staff: John Kelly

John Kelly is a retired Marine Corps general, and the former commander of the Unified Combatant Command responsible for American military operations in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. He previously served as the commanding general of the Multi-National Force—West in Iraq from February 2008 to February 2009, and later as the commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North. Gen. Kelly was previously confirmed as President Trump's Secretary of Homeland Security on January 20 by a vote of 88-11.

Joe Hagin and **Rick Dearborn** currently serve as Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency: Scott Pruitt

Scott Pruitt is the former Republican Attorney General of Oklahoma. Pruitt began his career in private practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He served as a state senator from 1998 through 2006, during which time he was selected to serve as Republican Whip and later Republican Assistant Floor Leader. He was elected to serve as Oklahoma's Attorney General in 2010. The Senate confirmed Mr. Pruitt by a vote of 52-46 on February 17.

Director of the Office of Management and Budget: Representative Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.)

Mick Mulvaney previously served as the Congressman for South Carolina's 5th District. After practicing law following graduating law school, he started his own law firm. Later, he ran his family's real estate business then started a small homebuilding company. He has also owned and operated his own restaurant. He served on the House Financial Services Committee as well as the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The Senate confirmed Mr. Mulvaney by a vote of 51-49 on February 16.

Russ Vought currently serves as Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. He previously worked as the Vice President of Grassroots Outreach for Heritage Action for America, and has served on the President's transition team. He worked as a budget aid to Vice President Mike Pence during his time in the House of Representatives, and as the Executive Director of the Republican Study Committee.

Ambassador to the United Nations: Governor Nikki Haley (R)

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley was asked to serve as Trump's next ambassador to the United Nations. Haley, the daughter of Indian immigrants, was elected as Governor in 2011. She is the youngest current governor in the United States. She previously served in the South Carolina House of Representatives. The Senate confirmed Governor Haley to serve as U.N. ambassador by a vote of 96-4 on January 24.

United States Trade Representative: Robert Lighthizer

Lighthizer served as deputy U.S. trade representative in the Reagan administration. He also has experience as chief of staff for the Senate Finance Committee, and has worked in international trade law at the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom. The Senate confirmed Mr. Lighthizer by a vote of 82-14 on May 11.

Director of National Intelligence: Dan Coats

Former Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.) was a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He is also a former ambassador to Germany. The Senate confirmed Sen. Coats by a vote of 85-12 on March 15.

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency: Mike Pompeo

Pompeo previously served as the U.S. Representative for Kansas's 4th congressional district (2011-2017) and sat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Senate confirmed Mr. Pompeo by a vote of 66-32 on January 23.

Administrator of the Small Business Administration: Linda McMahon

Linda McMahon is an American professional wrestling magnate and politician. From 1980 to 2009, McMahon was active in growing the WWE to a multinational corporation. In 2009 and again in 2012, she ran as a Republican for a seat in the United States Senate from Connecticut. The Senate confirmed Ms. McMahon by a vote of 81-19 on February 14.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: WHITE HOUSE STAFF

Counselor to the President: Kellyanne Conway

Kellyanne Conway was Trump's campaign manager during his 2016 presidential campaign. She is a longtime pollster and analyst, specializing in polling data concerning women and younger voters.

Senior Advisor to the President: Stephen Miller

Stephen Miller previously served as the communications director for then-Alabama senator, Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He also served as a press secretary to Republican U.S. Representatives Michele Bachmann and John Shadegg.

Press Secretary: Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders is an American political aide who currently serves as White House Press Secretary. She is the daughter of former governor of Arkansas and Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee.

Hogan Gidley, former senior communications advisor for Rick Santorum for President, and former executive director of Mike Huckabee's PAC, serves as Deputy Press Secretary.

Director of Strategic Communications: Hope Hicks

Hope Hicks is the former press secretary for Donald Trump's presidential campaign, current spokeswoman for Trump's presidential transition team, and incoming White House Director of Strategic Communications. She previously worked with Ivanka Trump on her fashion line.

Director of White House Domestic Policy Council: Andrew Bremberg

Andrew Bremberg worked at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 2001 to 2009, including serving as the Chief of Staff for the Office of Public Health and Science. He later served as Policy Advisor and Counsel on Nominations for Senator Mitch McConnell. He worked as the Policy Director for the 2016 Republican Party Platform and in a lead policy and administrative role on the Presidential Transition Team.

Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council (Healthcare): Katy Talento

Katy Talento, an infectious disease epidemiologist with nearly 20 years of experience in public health and health policy, as well as government oversight and investigations and program evaluation. Ms. Talento spent 12 years in the U.S. Senate, working for five Senators and two committees. She has also worked in the field on disease control programs in the U.S. and in Africa.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Security Advisor: Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster

Following the resignation of General Michael Flynn from the Administration on February 13, President Trump named Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as his new National Security Advisor. McMaster is known for his roles in the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Homeland Security Advisor: Tom Bossert

Tom Bossert served as a fellow at the Atlantic Council's Cyber Statecraft Initiative. Bossert was a deputy homeland security adviser in the last year of the Bush administration. He also spent two years as the White House director of infrastructure protection policy.

Director of the FBI: Christopher A. Wray

From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Wray served as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division in the George W. Bush Administration. From 2005 to 2017, he was a litigation partner with the law firm King & Spalding. The Senate confirmed Mr. Wray by a vote of 92-5 on August 1.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers: Kevin Hassett

Kevin Hassett is an American economist and the Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. Hassett was the State Farm James Q. Wilson Chair in American Politics and Culture and Director of Research for Domestic Policy at the American Enterprise Institute. He was John McCain's chief economic adviser in the 2000 presidential primaries and an economic adviser to the campaigns of George W. Bush in the 2004 presidential election and McCain in the presidential election of 2008. He was among Mitt Romney's

economic advisers for the 2012 presidential campaign. The Senate confirmed Mr. Hassett by a vote of 81-16 on September 12.

Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission: Jay Clayton

Clayton is a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP on Wall Street. He has also worked as an adjunct professor at University of Pennsylvania's law school. The Senate confirmed Mr. Clayton by a vote of 61-37 on May 2.

Chair of the Federal Communications Commission: Ajit Varadarah Pai

Mr. Pai is an American attorney. He was designated Chairman by President Trump in January 2017. He had previously served as Commissioner at the FCC, appointed by then- President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the Senate on May 7, 2012.

Director of the National Economic Council: Gary Cohn

Gary Cohn is an American investment banker. He previously served as the president and chief operating officer of Goldman Sachs.

NOTABLE NON-CABINET POSITIONS: FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Chair: Jerome Powell

Powell has served as a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors since 2012. Prior to his appointment to the Board, Mr. Powell was a visiting scholar at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where he focused on federal and state fiscal issues. From 1997 through 2005, Mr. Powell was a partner at The Carlyle Group. Mr. Powell served as an Assistant Secretary and as Undersecretary of the Treasury under President George H.W. Bush, with responsibility for policy on financial institutions, the Treasury debt market, and related areas. Prior to joining the Administration, he worked as a lawyer and investment banker in New York City. The Senate approved Jerome Powell as the new head of the nation's central bank by a vote of 84-13.

OTHER HEALTH POLICY PERSONNEL

Surgeon General: Jerome Adams, MD, MPH

President Trump tapped Jerome Adams to be U.S. Surgeon General. Adams is an anesthesiologist and previously served as the health commissioner for the state of Indiana, a post he was appointed to in 2014 by now-Vice President Mike Pence. He has also worked as a staff anesthesiologist and assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. The Senate confirmed Dr. Adams by a voice vote on August 3.

Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services: Eric Hargan

Eric Hargan was an attorney at Greenberg Traurig. He had been involved in the Trump transition team effort at HHS. He previously served at HHS from 2003 to 2007 in several positions, including acting deputy secretary under President George W. Bush. In his previous roles at the Department, he worked on Medicare, Medicaid, drug and device regulation, public health and medical research policy. The Senate confirmed Mr. Hargan by a vote of 57-38 on October 4.

Chief Technology Officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce Greenstein

Bruce Greenstein has previously worked as secretary of Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals.

Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources: John J. Bartrum

John Bartrum joined Squire Patton Boggs as a partner in March 2017, Prior to joining the firm, he served as senior professional staffer to the U.S. House Appropriations Committee since 2009. He previously

worked as part of the National Security Division of the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President.

Assistant Secretary for Administration: John A. Bardis

John Bardis is the founder of a former Georgia-based health care performance improvement company MedAssets. He served as its Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer from 1996 through 2015. He has over 30 years experience in the health care industry, having held senior management positions with American Hospital Supply and Baxter International.

Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Assistant Secretary for Health: Brett Giroir, M.D.

Brett Giroir is the former CEO of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center and former president and CEO of the Houston biotech firm ViraCyte. In 2014, Giroir was appointed to lead Texas' Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response in response to the Ebola crisis.

Chief of Staff for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health: Valerie Huber

Valerie Huber has been the leader of the National Abstinence Education Association, now known as Ascend, since 2007.

Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation: Stephen Parente, PhD, MPH, MS

Mr. Parente is a University of Minnesota economist who previously worked as a health policy advisor to Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. He also serves as an adviser to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and as governing chair of the Health Care Cost Institute. The nomination has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation: Matthew Bassett

Mr. Bassett is a healthcare policy expert with more than 20 years' experience in both the public and private sectors. Prior to his nomination, he served as a senior executive for healthcare companies myNEXUS and Davita Inc. In addition to his experience in the private sector, he held senior positions in the United States House of Representatives for members of the House Rules and Energy and Commerce Committees. He also served the Governor of Kentucky as a senior advisor in his role as Chief of Staff to Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Access Tennessee Health Insurance Pool. The nomination was placed on the Senate calendar, but has yet to come to a vote.

Special Assistant at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Brenda Destro

Brenda Destro previously served as a senior health policy advisor for Senator Bill Cassidy, MD and for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response: Robert Kadlec, MD, MS

Dr. Kadlec is the former Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and previously served as a biodefense policy aide to President George W. Bush. The Senate confirmed Dr. Kadlec by a voice vote on August 3.

General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Robert Charrow

Robert Charrow served as deputy general counsel and later principal deputy general counsel for HHS during the Reagan administration. Previously he was with the Greenberg Taurig law firm. The nomination was placed on the Senate calendar, but has yet to come to a vote. The Senate confirmed Mr. Charrow on December 21, 2017.

National Coordinator for Health IT: Donald Rucker, MD

Donald Rucker is a University of Pennsylvania-trained internist with an MBA and computer science degrees from Stanford University. He was most recently an adjunct professor at the Ohio State University medical college. Rucker worked as chief medical officer at Siemens Healthcare for 13 years. Earlier in his career, Rucker helped develop the first Windows-based medical record (now the basis of EHRs used by companies such as Allscripts) while at Datamedic Corporation, and designed a computerized physician order entry system for the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. He has been an emergency room physician at Kaiser Permanente in California, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and at the University of Pennsylvania hospitals.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Technology: John Fleming, MD

John Fleming is a former member of Congress, where he served for four terms before an unsuccessful bid for the Senate last year. He is a family practice physician who completed his medical residency with the United States Navy. He was a member of the GOP Doctors Caucus during his time in Congress. Dr. Fleming will be the first person to hold the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Technology.

Assistant Secretary for Aging: Lance Robertson, MPA

Lance Robertson was appointed to serve as Assistant Secretary for Aging and the Administration for Community Living’s Administrator within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Robertson served as Oklahoma’s director of aging services for 10 years. Previously, he was at Oklahoma State where he co-founded the Gerontology Institute and served as Executive Director of Partnerships for Aging. The Senate confirmed Dr. Robertson by a voice vote on August 3.

Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Gopal Khanna, MBA

Mr. Khanna previously served as the director of Illinois’ Data Analytics Healthcare and Human Services Innovation Incubator. He was also Minnesota’s first chief information officer and served the second Bush administration in senior policy positions, including chief information officer and chief financial officer for the Peace Corps and chief financial officer of the Executive Office of the President’s Office of Administration.

Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Brenda Fitzgerald

Brenda Fitzgerald has been tapped to head the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She previously worked as the Commissioner of the Georgia Health Department, and is the president-elect of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. Fitzgerald is a strong vaccination advocate, and has previously run unsuccessfully for Congress as a Republican in 1992 and 1994. Fitzgerald replaces the acting CDC director Anne Schuchat, who will return to her role as CDC principal deputy director.

Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS): Seema Verma

Seema Verma served as the President, CEO and founder of SVC, Inc., a national health policy consulting company. Ms. Verma was the architect of the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), the nation's first consumer directed Medicaid program under Governor Mitch Daniels of Indiana and Governor Pence’s HIP 2.0 waiver proposal. SVC and Ms. Verma have developed many of the recent Medicaid reform programs including waivers for Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky and helped design Tennessee’s coverage expansion proposal and also provided technical assistance to Michigan as they implemented their 1115 Medicaid waiver. Ms. Verma and SVC also supported Iowa’s Medicaid transition to managed care, as well as supporting efforts Medicaid strategy efforts in Maine. Ms. Verma served as the State of Indiana’s health reform lead following the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010 and has worked with multiple public health agencies and state insurance agencies as they prepared for implementation of the Affordable Care Act, including interpreting and implementing regulatory changes and understanding the impact of the health exchanges on state insurance markets. Ms. Verma participated on the Republican Governor's Public Policy Committee on Medicaid reform and contributed to the development of the report “A New Medicaid: A

Flexible, Innovation and Accountable Future.” Prior to consulting, Ms. Verma served as Vice President of Planning for the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County and as a Director with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in Washington D.C.

CMS is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, and is responsible for administering Medicare, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The Senate confirmed Ms. Verma by a vote of 55-43 on March 13.

Deputy Chief of Staff for the CMS Office of the Administrator: Brady Brooks

Brady Brooks worked as Vice President Mike Pence’s legislative director during his time as governor of Indiana.

CMS Senior Advisor for Medicare: Carla DiBlasio

Carla DiBlasio previously served as an advisor to Congressman Tom Price (R-GA) during his time in Congress.

Senior Counselor to the CMS Administrator for Medicaid: Calder Lynch

Calder Lynch has previously worked as a health official in Nebraska and Louisiana.

Special Assistant to the CMS Administrator: Claire Burghoff

Claire Burghoff is a former aide to Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.).

Senior Advisor for the CMS Innovation Center and Medicaid: Jeet Guram

Jeet Guram, previously with the Heritage Foundation, was hired as senior advisor for the CMS Innovation Center and Medicaid.

Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO): Randy Pate

Mr. Pate previously served as vice president of public policy for Health Care Service Corporation, which operates Blue Cross Blue Shield plans in five states. Prior to that, Mr. Pate was a health policy fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Director of CMS Office of Legislation: Emily Felder

Emily Felder has been hired as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service’s (CMS) director of the Office of Legislation. She previously worked as the majority counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration: Scott Gottlieb, MD

President Trump nominated Scott Gottlieb to be Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Gottlieb is a former FDA deputy commissioner, and served as a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. He was also a clinical assistant professor at New York University School of Medicine, and is an internist at Tisch Hospital. He sat on the boards of several drug and biotech companies, and was an advisor to GlaxoSmithKline Plc. The Senate confirmed Dr. Gottlieb by a vote of 57-42 on May 9.

Chief Counsel for the Food and Drug Administration: Rebecca Wood

Rebecca Wood has started in her new position of chief counsel at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She replaces Elizabeth Dickinson, who has been the top lawyer at the agency since 2011. Wood has spent most of her career at Sidley Austin, representing life science companies on product liability issues.

Senior Advisor to the FDA Commissioner: Paul Howard

Paul Howard previously worked as Director of Health Policy at the Manhattan Institute, and has written about the FDA extensively throughout his career. He was a part of the health-care policy advisory group for Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign.

Director of the National Institutes of Health: Francis Collins, MD, PhD

Francis Collins was asked to remain in his position as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Collins, a physician-geneticist, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to lead the agency in 2009. He is on track to be one of the longest serving NIH directors since World War II.

Director of the National Cancer Institute: Norman E. Sharpless, MD

Norman E. Sharpless was named as head of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Sharpless previously served as the director of the University of North Carolina Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use: Elinore McCance-Katz, MD, PhD

The White House nominated Elinore McCance-Katz as Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use at HHS. She was the first chief medical officer for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), joining in 2013. The Senate confirmed Dr. McCance-Katz by a voice vote on August 3.