



## Senate Confirms Seema Verma as Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator, 55–43

On March 13, the U.S. Senate confirmed Seema Verma as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services by a vote of 55–43. Democratic Sens. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Manchin of West Virginia voted for Verma’s nomination. Independent Sen. Angus King of Maine also voted to approve the nomination. Republican Sen. Johnny Isakson of Georgia and Democratic Sen. Gary Peters of Michigan did not vote. Verma, who is recognized as a national expert on Medicaid, will be responsible for administering the Affordable Care Act, Medicare and Medicaid as well as a number of other health-related programs.

For additional information on Verma, please see the *Health Matters* post entitled [Seema Verma, MPH: President-elect Donald Trump’s Nominee for Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#). For additional detail on Verma’s confirmation hearing before the Senate Finance Committee, please see the *Health Matters* post entitled [Senate Finance Committee Holds Nomination Hearing on Verma for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator](#).

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