



## Additional Leadership Positions Filled at Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Management and Budget

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has named several additional key leadership and staff positions:

- **Dr. Donald Rucker** will be the new National Coordinator of the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) at HHS. Dr. Rucker was previously an emergency room doctor and chief medical officer at Siemens.
- **Jeffrey Anderson** has been selected to direct the HHS Office of Health Reform. Anderson was previously a fellow at the Hudson Institute. Before that, he served as a senior speechwriter at HHS in the George W. Bush administration.
- **Stephen Parente** will be the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). Parente was previously the Minnesota insurance industry chair of health finance, and was the associate dean of MBA programs and the director of the Medical Industry Leadership Institute at the University of Minnesota.
- **John Graham** will be the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the office of the ASPE. Graham was most recently a senior fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis.
- **John O'Brien** was chosen to be a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the office of the ASPE. O'Brien was previously the vice president of public policy at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.
- **Jane Lucas** will be a Deputy Director in the Immediate Office of the Secretary. Lucas was previously Legislative Director to Senator John Thune, R-S.D.
- **Emily Wilkinson** will serve as a Policy Advisor in the Immediate Office of the Secretary. She was previously a Legislative Assistant to Senator Dean Heller, R-Nev.
- **Sarah Arbes** will be the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS. Arbes was previously a vice president at the Business Roundtable and was Deputy Health Policy Director to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

- **Ashley Palmer** will serve as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS. Palmer was previously a staffer for the House Budget Committee.
- **Sara Morse** will serve as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS. Morse most recently served as the manager of legislative and political affairs at the American College of Surgeons.
- **Courtney Lawrence** will serve as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS. Lawrence was previously the vice president of federal affairs at America's Health Insurance Plans.

President Trump also has announced nominations for additional key leadership positions in the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including the following:

- **Russ Vought** has been nominated to serve as Deputy Director of OMB. Vought was most recently the vice president of grassroots outreach at the Heritage Foundation.
- **Neomi Rao** has been nominated to head the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB. Rao was most recently a law professor at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School. Rao also served as an Associate White House Counsel under George W. Bush.

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