

Trump Administration

Key Policy and Health Policy Personnel

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CABINET

Secretary of State: 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. He was Director of the CIA from 2017 to 2018, when President Trump nominated him to succeed Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State. He was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 57-42 on April 26, 2018.

Secretary of the 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 Senate confirmed Mr. Mnuchin by a vote of 53-47 on February 13, 2017.

The Senate confirmed **Justin Muzinich** as deputy secretary of the Treasury by a vote of 55-44 on December 11, 2018.

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, 2017 by a vote of 98-1.

Acting Attorney General: Matthew Whitaker

Matt Whitaker, Chief of Staff at the DOJ, has been named Acting Attorney General following the resignation of Jeff Sessions at the request of President Trump. Whitaker served as a U.S. Attorney during the Bush administration. The President has said he will nominate a permanent successor for attorney general at a later date. Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and U.S. Appeals Court Judge Edith Jones are reportedly under consideration for the position.

William Barr has been nominated by President Trump as the next attorney general. Barr is a former attorney general who served under President George H.W. Bush.

Secretary of the Interior: Vacant

Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt is expected to be chosen as acting head of the department, following the resignation of Ryan Zinke.

Secretary of Agriculture: Sonny Perdue

Sonny Perdue is an American politician who served as the 81st Governor of GA 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, 2017.

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, 2017.

Secretary of Labor: Alexander Acosta

Following the withdrawal of Andrew Puzder from consideration as Labor Secretary on February 15, 2017 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 FL. The Senate confirmed Mr. Acosta by a vote of 60-38 on April 27, 2017.

Patrick Pizzella currently serves as Deputy Secretary of Labor.

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 U.S. He was a member of the board of HMS Holdings Corporation (NASDAQ: HMSY) and previously served on the Boards of 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 on January 24, 2018.

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 U.S. 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, 2017.

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 CEO 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 NY. The Senate approved Ms. Chao's nomination on January 31, 2017 by a vote of 93-6.

Secretary of Energy: Rick Perry

Rick Perry is a Republican politician who served as the 47th Governor of TX from 2000 to 2015. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of TX 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, 2017.

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 MI Republican Party, and is currently the chairman of The Windquest Group, a MI-based investment management company. The Senate confirmed Ms. DeVos by a vote of 51-50 on February 7, 2017.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs: Robert Wilkie

Robert Wilkie currently serves as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Prior to becoming the VA Secretary, Wilkie served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. He worked in the Department of Defense during the George W. Bush administration and is a former intelligence officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. The Senate confirmed Mr. Wilkie by a vote of 86-9 on July 23, 2018.

Dr. Richard Stone serves as the Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, with the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Under Secretary for Health. He is a practicing dermatologist.

Secretary of Homeland Security: Kirstjen Nielson

Kirstjen Nielson is currently serving as Secretary of Homeland Security. She is the former White House Deputy Chief of Staff. Nielsen is a cybersecurity expert and attorney and was a top aide to John Kelly during his time as Secretary. She was confirmed by the Senate on December 5, 2017 by a vote of 62-37.

Brock Long serves as the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **Peter Gaynor** has been nominated as deputy administrator.

CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS

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.

Chris Liddell, **Zachary Fuentes**, and **Daniel Walsh** currently serve as Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

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, 2017.

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, 2017.

Ambassador to the United Nations: Heather Nauert

The President has nominated Heather Nauert as the next U.S. ambassador to the UN. Nauert joined the administration in April 2017 as a spokesperson for the State Department after several years as an anchor and correspondent for Fox News. She replaces departing Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Director of the Office of Management and Budget: Mick Mulvaney

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, 2017.

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.

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency: Gina Haspel

Gina Haspel is an American intelligence officer currently serving as Director of the CIA. She had been previously the Deputy Director under Mike Pompeo in the beginning of the Trump administration. On May 17, 2018, she was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 54-45.

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency: Andrew Wheeler (acting)

Andrew Wheeler is the Acting Administrator of the EPA. He previously worked in the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels and is a former aide to Senator James Inhofe. He was confirmed by the Senate as Deputy Administrator of the EPA in April 2018 by a vote of 53-45.

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 U.S. Senate from Connecticut. The Senate confirmed Ms. McMahon by a vote of 81-19 on February 14, 2017.

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.

Counselor to the President: Johnny DeStefano

DeStefano entered the administration as the Director of Presidential Personnel. He previously worked for OH Congressman John Boehner. He also has worked with the Republican National Committee.

Senior Advisor to the President: Stephen Miller

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

Senior Advisor to the President: Jared Kushner

Kushner currently serves as senior advisor to his father-in-law, President Donald Trump. He is an investor, real-estate developer, and newspaper publisher. During the 2016 presidential campaign, he helped develop and run Trump's digital media strategy.

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.

Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications: Bill Shine

Bill Shine has spent his career as a producer and executive at Fox News. Most recently, he was co-president of Fox News, a position he held for nine months before he departed in 2017.

White House Counsel: Don McGahn

Don McGahn has served as White House Counsel and Assistant to the President since January 2017. He was formerly Commissioner of the U.S. FEC.

Director of White House Domestic Policy Council: Andrew Bremberg

Andrew Bremberg worked at HHS 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: John Bolton

John Bolton is a former senior fellow at AEI, senior advisor for Freedom Capital Investment Management, a Fox News Channel commentator, and of counsel to the Washington, D.C. law firm Kirkland & Ellis. He was a foreign policy adviser to 2012 presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Homeland Security Advisor: Doug Fears

Doug Fears is a U.S. Coast Guard rear admiral (lower half). Fears has served in the administration as a special assistant to the President, as director for Central America and the Caribbean on the National Security Council staff, and as senior director for resilience policy for the National Security Council.

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, 2017.

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, 2017.

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, 2017.

Director of the National Economic Council: Larry Kudlow

Larry Kudlow is a former investment banker, conservative economic analyst and television pundit who currently serves as Director of the National Economic Council under President Donald Trump.

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 on January 23, 2018.

OTHER HEALTH POLICY PERSONNEL

Special Assistant to the Secretary: Matthew Apple

Apple was previously a staff assistant in the office of House Speaker Paul Ryan. He previously interned in the Communications and Press Office in the Executive Office of the President.

Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Drug Pricing Reform: John O'Brien

O'Brien had previously served as Advisor to the Secretary for Health Policy, as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

Director of Science and Technology Policy: Kelvin Droegemeier

Droegemeier is an American research meteorologist currently serving as the Oklahoma Secretary of Science and Technology and as Vice President for Research at the University of Oklahoma. Droegemeier is known for his research in predicting the development of extreme weather events. The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation unanimously approved his nomination.

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, 2017.

Chief Technology Officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Ed Simcox

Prior to joining HHS, Simcox served as the Healthcare Practice Leader at Logicalis, an international IT service provider and consultancy with over 300 healthcare clients in the U.S. Prior to joining Logicalis, he was director of U.S. healthcare strategy, partnerships, and product development for AT&T. Simcox has also held multiple leadership roles at Indiana University Health.

Chief Information Officer (HHS): Ed Simcox

Ed Simcox, the HHS chief technology officer, will serve as acting CIO until a permanent one is named.

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, 2017.

Assistant Secretary for Administration: Scott Rowell

Rowell is a retired Army officer. He previously served in the Defense Department and recently worked as a consultant to the DOD.

Catherine Bird, of the general counsel's office, will serve as acting deputy assistant secretary for administration.

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 OMB in the Executive Office of the President.

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. He was confirmed by the Senate by voice vote on February 7, 2018.

Steven Valentine serves as Chief of Staff in OASH. **Jennifer Sherman** is the senior adviser for communications to Dr. Giroir. She was previously the press secretary for the House Energy and Commerce committee and the director of communications for Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.). **Matthew Lin** has been named a senior adviser for Indian and rural health within OASH.

Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health: Valerie Huber

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

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

Mr. Bassett is a health care 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 U.S. 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 KY's Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Access Tennessee Health Insurance Pool. He was confirmed by the Senate by voice vote on January 30, 2018.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation for Human Services: Rebekah Armstrong

Armstrong was previously special assistant to the vice president for domestic policy, including health-care policy, and a policy staffer on the Republican Study Committee.

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 CBO and as governing chair of the Health Care Cost Institute. The nomination has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation: 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, 2017.

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs: Judy Stecker

Stecker came to the Department from the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where she served as Executive Director of Media Relations and Strategic Marketing. Prior to joining AEI, Stecker served as Senior Media Associate for Broadcast Services at the Heritage Foundation. Before that, she was Director of Communications for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and Director of Communications for Vets for Freedom.

Liam Anderson works as a communications assistant to the assistant secretary for public affairs. Anderson was formerly a staff assistant for Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.). **Natalie Boyse** has joined the office of the assistant secretary for public affairs as a special assistant.

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 Senate confirmed Mr. Charrow on December 21, 2017 by voice vote.

Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Brenna Jenny

Jenny previously worked as the counsel to the assistant attorney general of the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department.

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 U.S. 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 of Health and Human Services for Family Support: Lynn Johnson

Johnson is executive director of the Jefferson County Department of Human Services in Colorado and previously served as chief of staff for former Colorado Lieutenant Gov. Jane E. Norton. She was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 67-28 on August 28.

Director for the Office of Human Service, Emergency Preparedness and Response: Natalie Grant

Natalie Grant is the director for the Office of Human Services, Emergency Preparedness and Response within the Administration for Children and Families. Grant previously served in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, where she helped manage HHS' response to recent hurricanes.

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 HHS. Robertson served as OK'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, 2017.

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 MN's first CIO and served the second Bush administration in senior policy positions, including CIO and CFO for the Peace Corps and CFO of the Executive Office of the President's Office of Administration.

Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Robert Redfield

Robert Redfield is an American virologist. He is the current Director of the CDC, and the current Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, having served in both positions since March 2018.

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 IN 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 IA, OH, KY and helped design TN's coverage expansion proposal and also provided technical assistance to MI as they implemented their 1115 Medicaid waiver. Ms. Verma and SVC also supported IA's Medicaid transition to managed care, as well as supporting efforts Medicaid strategy efforts in ME. Ms. Verma served as the State of IN's health reform lead following the passage of the ACA in 2010 and has worked with multiple public health agencies and state insurance agencies as they prepared for implementation of the ACA, 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. The Senate confirmed Ms. Verma by a vote of 55-43 on March 13, 2017.

Matt Hittle serves as a senior adviser in Administrator Verma's office. He previously worked for the House Ways and Means Committee and is a former legislative director and health policy advisor for Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD).

Chief Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief of Staff (CMS): Paul Mango

Mango comes to CMS after a career at McKinsey & Company as a Senior Partner and also having filled additional leadership roles within their U.S. and global healthcare practices and as the head of McKinsey's U.S. Center for Health Reform. He is a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division.

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.

Senior Counselor to the CMS Administrator for Medicaid: Calder Lynch

Calder Lynch has previously worked as a health official in NE and LA.

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: 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.

CMS Director of Stakeholder Engagement: Alec Armanda

Armanda joins CMS from the office of the HHS Assistant Secretary for Legislation, where he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary and covered the CMS legislative portfolio.

Director of CMS Office of Legislation: Emily Felder

Emily Felder has been hired as the CMS director of the Office of Legislation. She previously worked as the majority counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Deputy Administrator and Director of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program: Mary Mayhew

Mayhew is the former commissioner of ME's Department of Health and Human Services under the administration of Gov. Paul LePage (R). She previously worked as a partner in public affairs firm Hawkes & Mayhew and as vice president at the Maine Hospital Association.

CMS Deputy Director of Communications: Ninio Fetalvo

Fetalvo has served as an assistant White House press secretary since the start of the Trump administration. He previously worked at the Republican National Committee.

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

President Trump nominated Scott Gottlieb to be Commissioner of the FDA. Dr. Gottlieb is a former FDA deputy commissioner and served as a resident fellow at the AEI. 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, 2017.

Chief Counsel for the Food and Drug Administration: Stacy Cline Amin

Cline Amin previously served as a special assistant and senior associate counsel to President Trump. She has also worked as chief counsel for the Senate HELP Committee.

Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs: Keagan Lenihan

Lenihan was a former senior adviser to HHS Secretary Tom Price.

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 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 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 SAMHSA, joining in 2013. The Senate confirmed Dr. McCance-Katz by a voice vote on August 3, 2017.

Medicare Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees currently consists of six members, four of whom automatically serve by virtue of their positions in the Federal Government: the Managing Trustee Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Commissioner of Social Security (**Nancy A. Berryhill**). The other two members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. President Trump has tapped **James Lockhart** to join the board. Lockhart previously served as the principal deputy commissioner of the Social Security Administration during the George W. Bush administration.

Acting Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration: Uttam Dhillon

Dhillon previously worked in the White House as Deputy Counsel and Deputy Assistant to President Trump. He previously served as the director of the office counter-narcotics enforcement at DHS. Prior to DHS, he was an Associate Deputy Attorney General at DOJ, where he chaired the Anti-Gang Coordination Committee.

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy: Jim Carroll

Carroll currently serves as the ONDCP's deputy director. He previously served as the principal deputy commissioner of the Social Security Administration during the George W. Bush administration. He awaits Senate confirmation to lead ONDCP.