
Biographical Sketch of Herb B. Kuhn

Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



Herb B. Kuhn is the Deputy Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. During his tenure, he has been a key leader in the movement to transform CMS from a passive payer of health services to an active purchaser of quality health care. He is a nationally recognized expert on value-based purchasing and payment policy.

Mr. Kuhn most recently served as the Director of the Center for Medicare Management, a division of CMS with a budget of more than \$267 billion.

As CMM director, Mr. Kuhn oversaw the development of regulations and reimbursement policies for the fee-for service portion of Medicare, covering the universe of providers that care for 43 million elderly and disabled Americans under Medicare. He led the first-ever contractor reform effort within CMS to consolidate and streamline the contractor process which pays over one billion claims annually.

Mr. Kuhn was appointed by Secretary Tommy G. Thompson in March 2004. Previously Mr. Kuhn served as the corporate Vice President for Advocacy at Premier Inc., a hospital performance improvement alliance with 1,700 participating not-for-profit hospitals and health systems serving communities nationwide. Mr. Kuhn also served for 13 years as Vice President for federal relations for the American Hospital Association. He began his career in public service as Legislative Director to U.S. Representative Robert Whittaker (R-KS), a member of the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on Health and the Environment.

A native of Kansas, Mr. Kuhn resides in Springfield, VA with his wife Rebecca.