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AHCA Announces Appointment of Beth Kidder as Interim Medicaid Director

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) interim Secretary Justin Senior announced the appointment of Beth Kidder to the role of interim Medicaid Director.

Kidder has worked at the Agency since 2001 and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the Medicaid program to this role. Previously, she has served as Medicaid's Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Policy and Quality, where she and her team led important quality initiatives with our Medicaid health plans, as well as a major overhaul of Medicaid's rules and federal authorities. She was critical to the successful procurement and implementation of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program, playing a major role in program design, the negotiations with potential Long-term Care plans, and the negotiations with the federal government on our waiver authorities. She also serves as a gubernatorial appointee on the board of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, and previously served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council from 2005 to 2012.

Kidder earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida, and a Master of Public Policy degree from Duke University.

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