# Patrick Conway To Serve As CMS Acting Administrator During Transition

CMS innovation center chief Patrick Conway will serve as the acting administrator of the agency starting January 20th and through the transition, according to a CMS transition memo. President Trump has nominated Seema Verma to head CMS, but the Senate Finance Committee has not yet scheduled a confirmation hearing.

Conway has served in a variety of positions at CMS since joining the agency in 2011, including the deputy administrator for innovation and quality and CMS' chief medical officer.

In an CMS memo, Conway says he will step into the role of acting CMS administrator January 20, and Liz Richter, the Center for Medicare's deputy director, will serve as acting principal deputy administrator.

Conway also lays out other transition positions.

**Acting Medicare director:** Conway says that Cynthia Tudor will serve as the acting Medicare director along with Acting Deputy Directors Laurence Wilson and Cheri Rice. Tudor has been the deputy director for Medicare Parts C and D, Wilson has served as the director of the Chronic Care Policy Group, and Rice was the director of the Medicare Plan Payment Group.

**Acting Medicaid chief:** Deputy Director for the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Tim Hill will serve as the acting Medicaid chief during the transition, and will be working with Deputy Director Deidre Gifford.

**Acting CMMI director:** CMMI will be run by Acting Director Amy Bassano and Deputy Director Arrah Tabe-Bedward.