

Obama Renominates Tavenner to lead Medicare Agency

President Obama recently renominated Marilyn Tavenner to one of the top healthcare posts in the administration. It's the second time Obama has nominated Tavenner to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the agency that oversees Medicare, Medicaid and most of the implementation of President Obama's signature healthcare law.

Tavenner herself isn't controversial — she even got the endorsement of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.), who worked with Tavenner when she led Virginia's Medicaid program. But any nominee for any healthcare post in the Obama administration would be a hard sell in the deeply divided Senate. The Finance Committee didn't even hold a hearing on Tavenner's last nomination.

Tavenner has been acting CMS administrator since her previous nomination.