

## **President Obama Announces Slavitt as Pick for CMS Administrator**

President Obama named Andrew Slavitt as his nomination for CMS administrator, the position that he has held on an interim basis since Marilyn Tavenner resigned in February. Republicans have already signaled that Slavitt will face intense scrutiny in the confirmation process, which will likely become a medium for Republicans to voice their general concerns over ACA implementation. Despite the worries of Republicans, Slavitt's nomination has been welcomed by industry organizations and providers. Before arriving at CMS, Slavitt was an executive vice

president in the UnitedHealth Group, and was a key part of the team that sought to fix HealthCare.gov after its disastrous launch – experiences that are sure to be questioned during Slavitt's confirmation hearing.

The President also nominated Mary Wakefield as deputy HHS secretary. Wakefield is currently the administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), but has been acting HHS deputy secretary since April.