President Biden formally announced Chiquita Brooks-LaSure’s nomination to be administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). If confirmed, she would be the first Black woman to lead the agency.

Brooks-LaSure helped draft parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as a staffer on the House Ways & Means Committee, where she worked with Xavier Becerra, who Biden has tapped to lead the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Becerra’s confirmation hearings are scheduled to take place this week.

Brooks-LaSure is currently a managing director at Manatt Health and served as a senior CMS official during the Obama administration. During her tenure, she helped implement the ACA and other health insurance reform policy.

Brooks-LaSure has been an advocate for maternal health equity, expanded data collection and overturning Medicaid work requirements throughout her health policy career, hinting at what might be in store for her tenure as CMS administrator.

If confirmed by the Senate, Brooks-LaSure, would wield substantial power both over the trillion-dollar safety-net health agency and government health care more broadly. But it remains to be seen how much leeway she and her deputies would have to push large-scale reforms.

Brooks-LaSure would also inherit an agency dogged by countless controversies during the Trump administration. Many centered on the former CMS administrator, Seema Verma, who pursued policies that transformed the agency’s mission and repeatedly landed it in court.