

US Senate Votes to Confirm Next HHS Secretary

The United States Senate, in a vote of 78-17, confirmed former Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director, Sylvia Burwell, to become the next Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Secretary Burwell will replace outgoing HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius who has served as HHS Secretary since April of 2009 and announced her resignation in April of this year.

"I applaud the strong, bipartisan majority of Senators who today confirmed Sylvia Mathews Burwell as America's next

Secretary of Health and Human Services. Sylvia is a proven manager who knows how to deliver results, and over her career she has built deep relationships with Democrats and Republicans alike," said President Obama in a statement.

During hearings in the House and Senate for nomination, Congressional leaders encouraged Secretary Burwell to bring a fresh outlook to implementation and changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).