

## Hargan to Serve as Acting HHS Secretary

The White House recently announced that President Trump had appointed former corporate lawyer and George W. Bush administration official Eric Hargan to be acting Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Hargan's appointment comes following the resignation of Tom Price, who vacated the post after several Politico articles chronicled his travel costs while using private and government planes. Trump announced that Hargan will now fill the role that Price left behind as Republicans continue their ongoing efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

Hargan's previous experience at the HHS includes serving as deputy general counsel, principal associate deputy secretary, and acting deputy secretary under the Bush administration. Just last week, the Senate backed Hargan's nomination to be HHS Deputy Secretary 57 to 38. U.S. Food and Drug Commissioner Scott Gottlieb was also reportedly considered for the acting secretary position, but claimed he would better serve the administration by remaining in his current role.