

Herb B. Kuhn

Center for Medicare Management

Director

In March 2004, Herb B. Kuhn was appointed by Secretary Tommy G. Thompson as Director of the Center for Medicare Management (CMM). The Center manages the fee-for-service Medicare program in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Medicare provides health services to 40 million disabled and elderly Americans each year.

As the Director of CMM, Mr. Kuhn has responsibility for developing the regulations and reimbursement policies for the Medicare program. He also manages the program's 43 contractors that process more than 1 billion claims a year and make provider payments of more than \$200 billion.

Mr. Kuhn was a corporate Vice President for Advocacy at Premier, Washington, DC from January 2000 to March 2004. He directed the development of legislative and regulatory strategies to promote the public goals of the 1,600-member hospital alliance, and managed the alliance advocacy and representation programs before the United States Congress and Bush Administration.

Previously, Mr. Kuhn served in the American Hospital Association, Washington DC for 13 years as Vice President for Federal Relations. Mr. Kuhn began his interest in politics when he joined the staff of former Congressman Bob Whittaker of Kansas in 1981. At that time, Congressman Whittaker served on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and its subcommittee on Health and the Environment. It was in his position as Legislative Assistant for Congressman Whittaker that Mr. Kuhn began working on health care issues.

Mr. Kuhn earned a B.A. in accounting from Emporia State University and is also the author of several health care articles that have appeared in various publications. A native of Kansas, he resides in Springfield, Virginia with his wife Rebecca.