



MEDICARE DRUG AND HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

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SUBJECT: Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group Leadership Change

Heidi Arndt, the Director of the Division of Medicare Operations (DMAO) and the Acting Director of the Division of Special Programs (DSP) in the Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group (MCAG), has recently left the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to take a position in the private sector. CAPT Marsha Davenport, M.D., is now the Acting Director of DMAO and the Division of Special Programs in MCAG.

CAPT Davenport is a physician board certified in Preventive Medicine and Public Health and she is a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. CAPT Davenport was commissioned in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), initially as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Davenport has served in several positions with CDC, including a six-year tour where she was assigned to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and emerged as a nationally recognized expert in the field of emergency preparedness.

In addition, Dr. Davenport has served as a senior leader at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), where she held several positions within the Bureau of Health Professions, including the Acting Director for the Office of Policy and Planning and the Acting Deputy Director for the Division of State, Community and Public Health. Most recently, CAPT Davenport served as the Acting Director of the Division of Immigration Health Services and Deputy Director for Clinical Services, Detention and Removal Operations within Immigration and Custom Enforcement for the Department of Homeland Security.

CAPT Davenport had a prior position with CMS as the Chief Medical Officer for the former Office of Strategic Planning (now the Office of Research, Development, and Information). She returned to CMS in November 2009 as the Medical Officer for MCAG. Dr. Davenport can be reached at Marsha.Davenport@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-0230.