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**Morris receives commissioner appointment**

Marsha Morris, a resident of Charleston, has been named commissioner of the Bureau for Medical Services within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. As commissioner, Morris will manage approximately 85 employees and a budget of \$2.5 billion. The Bureau for Medical Services administers all of DHHR's Medicaid programs and benefits.

Ms. Morris has worked within state government for approximately 16 years. She has worked for the West Virginia Legislature, staffing the Senate and House Health and Human Resources Committees, the Banking and Insurance Committee and the Finance Committee and numerous interim committees. Prior to attending Indiana University School of Law, Ms. Morris was a registered nurse, having graduated from Charleston General School of Nursing. Her combined legal and health care careers will help in her in new role as commissioner for the Bureau for Medical Services.

Ms. Morris has served as a board member for Kanawha Hospice and an officer of the Historical Society of St. Albans. She obtained her bachelors degree in political science at the University of Louisville and her juris doctorate from Indiana University - Bloomington.

Marsha and her husband, Dwight, have two sons who live in Bloomington, Indiana with their families.