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### **DHHR Bureau Commissioner Nancy V. Atkins Receives Award**

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Medicaid Commissioner, Nancy V. Atkins, recently received the 2013 State Award for Excellence from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

This award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner in each state who has made a significant contribution toward increasing awareness of the role of nurse practitioners.

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Cabinet Secretary Rocco S. Fucillo said, "Commissioner Atkins is a valuable member of the DHHR team, and I am not surprised that she is being recognized by her peers. Nurse practitioners are a critical part of the health care system in West Virginia. She has been the driving force behind many initiatives at the Bureau for Medical Services that have improved the lives of West Virginians."

Atkins received the Award for Excellence from the West Virginia Nurses Association at the State Capitol Building on February 13, Nurses Unity Day.

Atkins has devoted most of her career to the Medicaid population. She has held various administrative and clinical health care positions in primary care and hospital settings, before transitioning into a variety of leadership roles.

She has been active at the national level as former chair of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors and is currently serving on the board of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. Ms. Atkins is an educator and health policy analyst with more than 40 years of experience.

She is an instructor at the West Virginia University School of Nursing and has served on the faculties of the West Virginia University School of Medicine and the Marshall University School of Nursing.

A native of West Virginia, she lives in Nitro.