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Palma appointed deputy commissioner

Louis Palma, a resident of Fairmont, has been named deputy commissioner of the Bureau for Children and Families within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. As deputy commissioner, Palma will be responsible for field operations throughout the state.

The Bureau for Children and Families administers most of the Department of Health and Human Resources' major family programs such as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services.

Palma began employment with the department as an economic service worker in 1973 and has held a series of more progressively responsible positions in the northern and southern parts of the state throughout his 34 year tenure. He has served on numerous not-for-profit boards and is a 1976 graduate of Salem College in Harrison County.