



Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
David R. Scrase, M.D., Secretary - Designate

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Governor Announces Director of Medical Assistance Division

SANTA FE — Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced her top choice to run the division in the Human Services Department that serves more than 800,000 New Mexicans.

Nicole Comeaux is the new director of the Medical Assistance Division in the Human Services Department.

“Nicole returns to New Mexico with a wealth of federal, state, and rural health experience that will be instrumental in leading the Medical Assistance Division in serving the hundreds of thousands of New Mexicans who rely on these programs for their health care needs,” said Gov. Lujan Grisham.

Comeaux most recently served as a senior advisor in the Data and Systems Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Washington D.C., where she previously served as acting deputy director within the State-based Exchange Group at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight. She also served as a public health analyst for the Health Resources and Services Administration, in the Office of Policy Analysis and in the Office of Rural Health.

“Her experience on the national level will serve New Mexico well in our efforts to ensure the Medicaid Centennial Care program, and the varied other health coverage programs covered by the \$6 billion in Medicaid funding will be utilized to its best ability to keep New Mexicans healthy,” said Dr. Scrase. “She has a passion to serve the people of New Mexico with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.”

Comeaux also served as the deputy executive director of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange, Kynect, which has been widely praised for making Kentucky a national leader in reducing the state’s uninsured population.

Comeaux has a Juris Doctorate, Health Law Certificate from the Saint Louis University School of Law, the top ranked health law program in the country, and a Masters of Public Health, concentration in Health Policy from the Saint Louis University School of Public Health.

Comeaux begins her new position on Monday, Jan. 7.