

**Ann Clemency Kohler**  
**Deputy Commissioner**  
**New Jersey Department of Human Services**

Ann Clemency Kohler was promoted to Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Human Services in March 2007. Prior to this, Ann was the Director of the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in the Department of Human Services. In her capacity as Deputy Commissioner for the Department, Ann has oversight for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, the Division of Disability Services, the Office of Budget Planning and the Office of Finance.

Ann began her career in healthcare administration in 1979 with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Director in 1993. She left state government for a short time to develop and coordinate health insurance products for a health maintenance organization (HMO).

Returning to state government in 1996, Ann was the Medicaid Director for the State of New York, the largest Medicaid agency in the country. In 2000, Ms. Kohler returned to New Jersey and was appointed to a management position in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). While at OMB, she was responsible for the oversight of the budget and fiscal operations for both the Departments of Human Services and Health and Senior Services. She was also the contract manager for the Federal maximization and program efficiency contracts that generated millions in federal revenue. Ann was appointed Director of the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in 2002.

In her current capacity as Deputy Commissioner, Ann continues her work as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NASMD), Chair of both the Long Term Care Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the Quality TAG for the Association of Public Health Services Administration (APHSA), as well as, a member of the Medicare Modernization Act State Workgroup. Ann also is the NASMD Chair of the Medicaid and Mental Health TAG.

Ms. Kohler received her Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as, a Masters in City and Regional Policy from Rutgers, the State University.