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As deputy director of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Ms. Henson oversees programs focused on cancer control, heart disease and stroke prevention, diabetes control, tobacco use prevention, nutrition and physical activity, and obesity. All in all, she manages an annual budget of almost \$1 billion and a staff of 1,000 people. From 2001 to 2004, Ms. Henson was the director, Office on Smoking and Health, the federal government's lead organization on tobacco prevention and control. Earlier, she served as the deputy director of the National Center for Environmental Health, where she dealt with a broad range of public health issues, including asthma, laboratory science, genetics, and environmental health tracking. From 1992 to 2000, she implemented the nation's first-ever breast and cervical cancer screening program for uninsured women. Ms. Henson was responsible for the significant growth of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program that supports screening for millions of underserved women nationwide. Prior to joining CDC in 1990, Ms. Henson worked with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health where she was instrumental in developing strategic partnerships with community-based organizations and implementing a wide range of programs in the areas of child health, chronic disease prevention, HIV prevention, and environmental health.