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United States Food and Drug Administration



Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D.
Commissioner

Margaret A. Hamburg became the 21st commissioner of food and drugs on May 18, 2009. The second woman to be nominated for this position, she is an experienced medical doctor, scientist, and public health executive. As the top official of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Dr. Hamburg is committed to strengthening programs and policies that enable the agency to carry out its mission to protect and promote the public health. “Strengthening FDA’s programs and policies will help us protect the safety of the food supply, give the public access to safe and effective medical products, find novel ways to prevent illness and promote health, and be transparent in explaining our decision-making,” says Dr. Hamburg. “A strong FDA is an agency that the American public can count on.”

Dr. Hamburg graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in internal medicine at what is now New York–Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. She conducted research on neuroscience at Rockefeller University, studied neuropharmacology at the National Institute of Mental Health, and later focused on AIDS research as assistant director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

From 2005 to 2009, Dr. Hamburg was the senior scientist at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a foundation dedicated to reducing the threat to public safety from nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. From 2001 to 2005, as the foundation’s vice president for biological programs, she advocated for broad reforms to confront the dangers of modern bioterrorism as well as the threats of naturally occurring infectious diseases such as pandemic flu.

In 1997, Dr. Hamburg accepted the position of assistant secretary for policy and evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 1994, she was elected to the membership in the Institute of Medicine, one of the youngest persons to be so honored.

From 1991 to 1997, Dr. Hamburg served as commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In this position, she improved services for women and children, promoted needle-exchange programs to reduce the spread of HIV, and initiated the nation’s first public health bioterrorism defense program. Her most celebrated achievement was curbing the spread of tuberculosis, which resurged as a major public health threat in the 1990s. As a result of Dr. Hamburg’s reforms, New York City’s tuberculosis rate fell significantly over a five-year span. Her innovative approach, which included sending health care workers to patients’ homes to make sure they completed the drug regimen, is now a model for health departments worldwide.

American Medical Association



Michael D. Maves, M.D., M.B.A.

Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

Michael D. Maves serves as Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Medical Association (AMA), the nation's largest physicians group. Dr. Maves has extensive medical and association management experience. Prior to joining the AMA, he served as Executive Vice President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (1994–1999).

Previously, he headed the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) in Washington, D.C., a 120-year-old trade organization representing more than 200 U.S. manufacturers and distributors of nonprescription (over-the-counter) medicines. An active participant in organized medicine throughout his professional career, Dr. Maves has served as a specialty society representative and alternate delegate to the AMA House of Delegates as well as a governor of the American College of Surgeons. He also sits on the Boards of the Partnership for a Drug Free America and the US Chamber of Commerce.

A clinically trained and board-certified otolaryngologist, Dr. Maves has distinguished himself in academic circles as Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Saint Louis University College of Medicine (1988–1994). He has also held faculty appointments at the University of Iowa Hospitals (1984–1988) and Clinics and Indiana University School of Medicine (1981–1984). Presently, he is adjunct professor at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

American Pharmacists Association



Thomas E. Menighan, B.S. Pharm., M.B.A.

Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

Thomas E. Menighan is the Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), assuming this position in July 2009. Menighan received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy (1974) and a Masters in Business Administration from Averett College (1990). Prior to rejoining APhA, Mr. Menighan was President of SynTegra Solutions Inc., in Germantown, Maryland. The company provides supply chain and chargeback auditing and consulting in risk management, 340B Systems, anti-counterfeiting, and the technology of medication information. Menighan founded SymRx, Inc., and developed CornerDrugstore.com©.

Throughout his career, Mr. Menighan has served volunteer roles within the profession of pharmacy, including president of APhA (2001–2002) and member of the APhA Board of Trustees (1995 and 2003). He was a senior staff member of APhA from 1987 to 1992. While on staff as Senior Director of External Affairs, he managed state affairs, public relations, new business development, and practice management issues. Other professional experiences include management of the PharMark Corporation, creation of RationalMed©, and the licensing of systems for states to conduct Drug Utilization Review for millions of state Medicaid enrollees. Mr. Menighan was also founder and owner (20 years) of Medicine Shoppe in Huntington, West Virginia. Presently, he is a partner in Pharmacy Associates, Inc., a multi-state specialty pharmacy.



AARP



Jennie Chin Hansen, R.N., M.S., F.A.A.N., President

(Ms. Hansen is also CEO of the American Geriatrics Society)

Jennie Chin Hansen, of San Francisco, CA, was elected by the AARP Board to serve as AARP President for the 2008–2010 biennium. Ms. Hansen also serves as an ex-officio member of the AARP Board’s three standing committees: the Board Governance Committee, Board Audit and Finance Committee, and the Board Member Value-Social Impact Committee. She has previously chaired the AARP Foundation Board and served on the AARP Services Board.

Ms. Hansen holds an appointment as Senior Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco’s Center for the Health Professions and consults with various foundations. She transitioned to teaching in 2005 after nearly 25 years at On Lok, Inc., where she served as its executive director for 11 years. On Lok, Inc., is a nonprofit family of organizations that provides integrated and comprehensive primary and long-term care community based services in San Francisco. On Lok was the prototype for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), which was signed into federal law in 1997, making this Medicare/Medicaid program available in all 50 states.

Ms. Hansen serves in various leadership roles that include commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and board member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program, and the SCAN Foundation. Ms. Hansen is a national juror for the Purpose Prize, sponsored by Civic Ventures. She is also a past president of the American Society on Aging.

Among Ms. Hansen’s awards are the 2005 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator’s Achievement Award, the 2002 Gerontological Society of America’s Maxwell Pollack Award for Productive Living, the 2000 Women’s Healthcare Executive Woman of the Year of Northern California, and the 1997 “Women Who Could Be President” Honoree of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Ms. Hansen has received alumni awards from the University of California, San Francisco, and Boston College, including an honorary doctorate from Boston College in 2008.

