



Herb K. Schultz was recently appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Regional Director at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Region IX. Region IX includes the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, the territories of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and Guam, as well as the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. In this role, he serves as HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' key representative in the Region, ensuring that close contact is maintained by the federal government with state, local, tribal, and territorial governmental and external, non-governmental partners on a wide range of health and social service issues. In addition, the HHS

Secretary's 10 Regional Directors/Regional Offices work actively to address the needs of communities and individuals served through HHS programs and policies.

HHS Secretary Sebelius, in announcing Mr. Schultz's appointment, said: "Herb Schultz brings an extensive, working-level knowledge of our department's most important issues, as well as a knowledge of the people and institutions in Region IX," said Secretary Sebelius. "His experience and talents will be invaluable as our department works to effectively implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

Previously, Mr. Schultz was Senior Advisor to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and since January of this year, also the Director of the California Recovery Task Force. In this role, he is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. As Senior Advisor to the Governor from 2008-2010, he represented the Governor on major domestic policy issues, which included serving as a principal advisor on health care reform. Previously, he served as the Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Governor during California's 2006-2008 state debate on comprehensive health care reform. From 2005-2006, he served as Vice President of Government Programs for McKesson Health Solutions, where he oversaw the company's disease management and nurse advice programs for Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries. During the first year of Governor Schwarzenegger's Administration, Mr. Schultz served as Acting Director of the California Employment Development Department. He also previously served as a member of former Governor Gray Davis' Cabinet as Acting Secretary for the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. He served as the Agency's Undersecretary before his Cabinet-Level appointment, and remained in both roles until the end of the Davis Administration. Prior to that, he was Deputy Director of External Affairs for the California Department of Managed Health Care, and served as Director of the Advisory Committee on Managed Health Care. Mr. Schultz received his BA in Political Science and International Studies from The American University in Washington, DC and has a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University, also in Washington, DC.