

Holly Benson
Secretary
Agency for Health Care Administration of Florida

Governor Charlie Crist appointed Holly Benson Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration on February 25, 2008. He asked her to lead the Agency charged with working for affordable, quality health care for all Floridians and outlined a bold agenda of finding more affordable insurance for uninsured Floridians and of reducing the regulatory burden placed on health care providers.

Prior to her appointment as Secretary of the Agency, Sec. Benson served as Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation where she and her team worked to improve customer service and to reduce the regulatory burden placed on Florida's businesses and professionals. The Department is responsible for licensing over 1 million Floridians.

Prior to joining Governor Crist's administration, Sec. Benson served the people of Pensacola and Gulf Breeze for six years as their representative in the Florida House. During her tenure in the House, Sec. Benson earned a reputation for successfully tackling tough issues. As Chair of the Select Committee on Article V, she led the successful reorganization of the state procurement system. As Chair of the Committee on State Administration, she updated the state's procurement code. In addition, as Chair of the Health and Families Council she addressed the tough health care access issues that touch the lives of all Floridians.

Sec. Benson is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Florida College of Law. She practiced municipal bond law with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. from 1996 to her appointment as Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in 2007.

In addition to her service as Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, she serves on the Council on Efficient Government, the Florida Council of 100, the Board of Directors for the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science and the Board of Directors of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.