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CASSANDRA G. PASLEY APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health today announced Cassandra G. Pasley, BSN, JD, as the new Director of Children's Medical Services. Cassandra will oversee the Bureaus of Child Protection/Special Technology, CMS Network Operations, CMS Network Administration, and Early Steps. She brings to the position over 23 years of experience in public health with a strong background in health care regulation, administration and the practice of health law.

"I am pleased Cassandra has agreed to serve the people of Florida in this new capacity with the Department," said Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services Dr. Celeste Philip. "Her experience will be invaluable as we continue our progress toward health equity and healthiest weight for all Floridians."

Cassandra has served for the past nine years as the Chief for the Bureau of Health Care Practitioner Regulation in the Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA), a role in which she provided oversight for 22 health care boards and six councils. Upon her arrival at MQA she lead a team to create reports, data parameters and other process improvements to reduce the number of days to license as well as improve the overall licensure process.

Previously, Cassandra worked in various public and private health sectors, including the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Agency for Health Care Administration and Orlando Regional Medical Center. She has a Bachelor's in nursing from the University of Maryland, a Juris Doctor from Florida State University and served as a sergeant and nurse in the United States Army for seven years.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit <u>www.FLHealth125.gov</u> for more information.

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