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## DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PAUL RUNK AS DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE PLANNING



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—The Florida Department of Health has appointed Paul Runk as the new director of the Office of Legislative Planning. Runk previously served in the Office of Legislative Planning as deputy director and, most recently, as interim director. In this role, he will provide leadership and coordination for all of the department's legislative priorities.

"The department is delighted to announce Paul as the new director of the Office of Legislative Planning," said Interim State Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Philip. "Over the past few years, Paul has been an exemplary member of our team, and I'm excited for the Office of Legislative Planning to move forward under his leadership."

Prior to working at the department, Runk served as senior legislative assistant for the Office of Representative and Senator Alan Hays facilitating legislation and overseeing the operation of constituent outreach. Runk was also campaign manager for Hays prior to his successful election to the Florida State Senate in 2010.

Runk is a graduate of Florida State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He later continued his education at FSU earning a Master of Science in Social Sciences/Executive Development and a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration.

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