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Kronmiller Is Named Health Care Quality Director

Background includes experience in legal, operational aspects

BALTIMORE, MD (April 5, 2006) – Wendy A. Kronmiller has been appointed director of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s (DHMH) Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) by DHMH Secretary S. Anthony McCann, effective April 12.

Ms. Kronmiller, a former assistant attorney general for Maryland, has been OHCQ acting director since October.

“Wendy Kronmiller brings strong legal and operational experience to the job,” Secretary McCann said. “She has done an outstanding job as acting director, and has proven to be a problem solver with a tremendous ability to work well with people.”

Prior to assuming the acting director position, Ms. Kronmiller was OHCQ deputy director for federal programs, a position she held for nearly two years. She served as an assistant attorney general for 10 years, the last five assigned to DHMH.

“I’m honored to be selected to lead the Office of Health Care Quality, which is charged with protecting the health and safety of many of Maryland’s most vulnerable citizens,” Ms. Kronmiller said. “As health care systems change and as consumers request more information and choice, we will actively work to see that these needs continue to be met.”

The Office of Health Care Quality monitors the quality of care in Maryland’s 8,000 health care and community residential programs.

OHCQ uses state and federal regulations to license and certify the state’s health care facilities, including those that provide ambulatory and long-term care. It is responsible for investigating complaints lodged against facilities, including nursing homes, hospitals and medical laboratories. When necessary, OHCQ may impose sanctions such as license revocation, fines, bans on admission or other restrictions on the operating license.

Ms. Kronmiller, 44, was raised in Columbia and lives in Baltimore City. She is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland School of Law.

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