

Larry Johnson

Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Director



Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Larry Johnson, Jr., as the director of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in October 2025.

Prior to his appointment as HHS Director, Johnson served almost 15 years in State government, serving as the Director of the State's largest regulatory agency (Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing), as the State public defender and legal counsel to the Governor. Before state government, he practiced administrative law in private practice.

Johnson received his law degree from Creighton University School of Law and his Bachelor of Science in management from Purdue University's Mitch Daniels School of Business.