

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF COUNSEL**

### **EXEMPT APPOINTMENT**

**FINAL FILING DATE: APRIL 16, 2007 OR UNTIL FILLED**

On July 1, 2007 public health programs currently administered by the California Department of Health Services will move to a new California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Health Services have a new name – the Department of Health Care Services. DHCS continues the broad mission to protect and improve the health of all Californians. To accomplish this DHCS finances and administers a number of individual health care service delivery programs, including the California Medical Assistance Program (Medi-Cal). These programs:

- Provide health care services to low-income persons and families who meet defined eligibility requirements.
- Emphasize prevention-oriented health care programs that promote human health and well-being.
- Ensure access to comprehensive health services using public and private resources.
- Ensure appropriate and effective expenditure of public resources to serve those with the greatest health care needs.

Along with a new name, DHCS will have a new structure for organizing the components of Medi-Cal and other health delivery programs. The structure will streamline management of complex program components along functional lines. It will improve program policy and operations, increase program integrity, and ensure overall program and public accountability and access.

Under the general direction of the Director of Health Care Services and the Chief Deputy Directors, the Deputy Director and Chief Counsel will plan, organize and manage the work of the Office of Legal Services. The Office of Legal Services will have over 125 positions, including 50 lawyers who provide advice and representation to department programs, 11 Administrative Law Judges who will hear appeals concerning program actions by the department and other agencies; as well as, an Office of Regulations and a Privacy Office.

The Office of Legal Services is responsible for providing or arranging for all essential legal services required by the Department. The Deputy Director and Chief Counsel will be responsible for providing advice and counsel to the Director, the Chief Deputy Directors and Deputy Directors on legal policy issues,

litigation and legislation. The Deputy Director and Chief Counsel also will represent the Department in dealings with the Governor's Office, the California Health and Human Services Agency and before the legislature, as needed. Finally, the Deputy Director and Chief Counsel will manage the personnel, budget and operations of the Office of Legal Services, including the Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals, the Office of Regulations and the Privacy Office.

### **Qualifications**

- J.D. and license to practice law in California.
- Ability to communicate effectively in written and oral communications with the Director, Chief Deputy Directors, DHCS management staff, other state departments and agencies, the legislature and health care provider organizations and their counsel.
- Ability to independently identify and propose resolution of legal issues in DHCS programs or operations.
- Ability to organize a government law office and manage a staff of lawyers and other professional staff.

### **Desirable Qualifications**

- Experience with legal issues related to health care delivery and financing.
- Experience with legal requirements applicable to the operation of a state agency.
- Experience with state administrative law – regulation adoption and administrative hearing processes.

### **Application Information**

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and a resume to:

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Questions about the position or the application process can be asked of Arleen Jacoway at (916) 440-7408 or at [AJacoway@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:AJacoway@dhs.ca.gov).

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