



# Kansas Insurance Department

Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance

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## Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger reacts to nomination of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services

TOPEKA, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger offered the following assessment of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius as President Barack Obama’s choice for Secretary of Health and Human Services:

“Governor Sebelius is very well-qualified to assume this important position at this critical time. She has a unique understanding of health insurance from her tenure as insurance commissioner. She also knows the importance of state-based regulation and the valuable role commissioners play in protecting consumers.

“Our National Association of Insurance Commissioners is ready to assist in any way we can as health reform initiatives advance.

“As a Kansan, I’m proud to have her at the helm of this important agency and look forward to working with her.”

Commissioner Praeger is the immediate past president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, a position that Gov. Sebelius was also elected to during her term as Kansas insurance commissioner.

Commissioner Praeger succeeded Gov. Sebelius as Kansas Insurance Commissioner in 2003.

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