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# FAH APPLAUDS SENATE CONFIRMATION OF MARILYN TAVENNER AS CMS ADMINISTRATOR

The following statement was released today by Chip Kahn, President and CEO of the Federation of American Hospitals.

We applaud the Senate for voting to confirm the nomination of Marilyn Tavenner as the first full CMS Administrator since 2006. The Senate's strong, bipartisan vote for Ms. Tavenner is a testament to her outstanding leadership and management skills and her exemplary performance running the agency as Acting Administrator.

CMS is one of the most important agencies in government, and it demands the strong, steady leadership embodied by Ms. Tavenner to meet the many challenges that lie ahead. We look forward to continuing to work with her, with Members of Congress, and the Administration to ensure hospitals receive the support necessary to continue providing the quality medical services which our patients and communities expect and deserve.

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