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Physician Notes: CMS Administrator Tavenner on the Way Out

Prepare to say goodbye to CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner. The former nurse who has been at the helm of CMS since 2010 will resign at the end of February, according to press reports. CMS's Andrew Slavitt is expected to fill in as acting Administrator in her absence.

"Marilyn Tavenner has devoted five years and countless hours to the cause of improving health care quality, holding down costs, protecting the Medicare Trust Fund and expanding access to affordable health care coverage to millions of Americans," HHS Secretary **Sylvia Burwell** said in a statement. "In so doing, she delivered historic results that have impacted countless lives -- both today and for decades to come -- all for the better."

It's unclear whether a new administrator will be appointed during President Obama's tenure or if a temporary administrator will stay in position until the next president is elected.