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### Hospice News: HHS Awaits Permanent Inspector General

The **Department of Health & Human Services** has yet to fill its Inspector General position with a permanent replacement for **Daniel Levinson**, who stepped down at the end of May.

Since 2005, Levinson had served as HHS Inspector General. In a statement, HHS Secretary **Alex Azar** noted Levinson's commitment to taking down criminals and protecting federal healthcare programs as the leader of the HHS's enforcement division. "Under Dan's leadership, the [OIG] has done tireless, invaluable work to protect program beneficiaries and taxpayer funds, improve the management and integrity of HHS programs, and respond to emerging challenges such as the ongoing opioid crisis," Azar said. "Dan should be proud of the results of his work as Inspector General, as should every member of OIG."

**Joanne Chiedi** is currently serving as Acting Inspector General. Chiedi has been the Principal Deputy Inspector General at HHS since 2013. Before joining HHS, Chiedi worked at the **Department of Justice**.

The HHS OIG consists of "more than 1,650 auditors, evaluators, investigators, attorneys, analysts, and management professionals who oversee the integrity and efficiency of the Nation's over \$1 trillion yearly investment in Federal health and human services programs," the office says.