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John Hellerstedt, MD

Commissioner

Texas Department of State Health Services



John Hellerstedt serves as commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, leading one of the state's largest agencies with a staff of 12,000 and an annual budget of \$3.3 billion. As commissioner, Hellerstedt oversees programs such as disease prevention and disaster preparedness, family and community health services, environmental and consumer safety, regulatory programs, and mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs. Hellerstedt became commissioner on Jan. 4, 2016.

Prior to becoming commissioner, Hellerstedt served as chief medical officer at Seton Family of Hospitals. He also served as the vice president of medical affairs for Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas and as the medical director of Texas Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Hellerstedt earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, graduating with high honors from Allegheny College, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Hellerstedt completed his residency in general pediatrics at the University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center, and is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.