

Arkansas | Jennifer Dillaha, MD

Director and State Health Officer

Arkansas Department of Health

Since joining the Arkansas Department of Health in 2001, Jennifer Dillaha, MD, has served in a variety of roles. Most recently she was appointed Director of the Arkansas Department of Health and the State Health Officer for Arkansas in May 2022.

Before her appointment, she was the ADH Chief Medical Officer, Medical Director for Immunizations, and Medical Director for Outbreak Response. She also previously served as the State Epidemiologist from March 2020 to August 2021, Special Advisor for Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the Director from June 2010 to April 2013, and Director of the Center for Health Advancement from August 2005 to June 2010.



As Director, Dr. Dillaha reports to the Secretary of Health and oversees the medical, clinical, and epidemiological aspects of the Department's activities. In addition, she provides leadership and guidance for addressing Arkansas's most pressing health problems. She is uniquely prepared for this role as a physician with specialty training in internal medicine and subspecialty training in infectious diseases and in geriatric medicine.