

NORTH CAROLINA

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Mark is the Assistant Secretary for Public Health for the NC Department of Health and Human Services. There, he has responsibility for overseeing the Division of Public Health (DPH) and its mission is to protect, promote and preserve the health of North Carolinians.

Prior to accepting his appointment as Assistant Secretary, Mark has served in several key leadership positions within the Department, including Director of the state's Medicaid & SCHIP programs; Assistant Director and Chief of Planning for the state's health care licensure/regulatory agency; and senior health care policy analyst to the Secretary. He was also the former chief operating officer and acting president for NC Community Care Networks, a non-profit organization that provides care coordination and population health management to the state's Medicaid recipients and other insured and uninsured residents. And he was previously the Senior Program Officer with the Milbank Memorial Fund where he had responsibility for managing their portfolio of health projects, including work with a bipartisan group of senior health policymakers across the US and abroad.



About DPH:

DPH administers programs covering an array of functions, including communicable diseases, occupational and environmental health, HIV/STD prevention and care, health promotion and disease prevention, preparedness and response, the State Laboratory of Public Health, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the statewide Vital Records system, the State Center for Health Statistics, nutrition, immunizations, oral health, women's health, early intervention, child health, quality improvement for state and local public health entities, and technical assistance and training for local health departments.