



Department of Health and Human Services



Dena Schmidt is the Department of Health and Human Services Deputy Director for Programs. She most recently served as the Medicaid Specialist for the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and formerly served as the Chief of Supportive Services for the Division of Aging and Disability Services. As Deputy Director, Dena will manage the Director's Office Programs to include the Grants Management Unit, IDEA Part C Office, Tribal Liaison Office, Office of Consumer Health Assistance, Office of Minority Health, and 211. In addition, she will serve as a liaison for the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Dena has extensive experience in research, policy development and system design relating to public assistance programs in addition to 12 years' specific experience with the Nevada Medicaid Program. Dena holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno.