

MEDICARE NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



BIOGRAPHY

JAMES T. KERR

Administrator

**Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

Jim Kerr is the Administrator of the Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations (CMHPO) at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). He supervises approximately 400 staff in CMS's 10 regional offices that provide daily oversight to over 800 contracts delivering Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug services to more than 27 million beneficiaries nationwide. Mr. Kerr was formerly the CMS Regional Administrator in the New York Office.

--more--

Mr. Kerr came to CMS in 2003 with more than 25 years experience in top level executive positions in commercial insurance and New York City government. He was the Vice President of Government Health Plans for UnitedHealthcare's New York Tri-State market where he launched their managed Medicare product, had profit and loss oversight for United's Medicare and Medicaid HMO products and operational control over several major plan management functions.

He was previously the Chief Operating Officer of Sanus Health Plan of New York and New Jersey, a 100,000-member individual practice association HMO.

Mr. Kerr has a Master of Science in Management and a BA in Mechanical Engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also earned an MBA in Health Care Administration from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Baruch College. He received the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award in October 2007.