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Dear Colleagues:

I am very pleased to announce that CDR Krista Pedley has been selected as the Director of the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA).

Prior to becoming the Director of OPA, CDR Pedley was the Improvement Advisor and lead in OPA for the Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative. CDR Pedley managed the work of the community teams enrolled in the Collaborative and worked with internal and external national stakeholders to improve medication use practices in the safety-net clinics and hospitals. CDR Pedley has also worked closely with the entities participating in the 340B Drug Pricing Program that is administered by OPA, along with serving as project manager for the HRSA Pharmacy Services Support Center and the 340B Prime Vendor Program. CDR Pedley began her career as a pharmacist with the United States Public Health Service in 2000. She worked in the Food and Drug Administration, Office of Generic Drugs, as a Project Manager for Bioequivalence and then as Medical Affairs Coordinator reviewing topical drug protocol design. CDR Pedley then served as Senior Public Health Analyst for the National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program (NBHPP) before joining OPA.

CDR Pedley received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 2000 and her Master of Science degree in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering, with a Concentration in Crisis, Emergency and Risk Management from George Washington University in 2008.

In addition, LCDR Jae Choi will serve as the Deputy Director of OPA in the Healthcare Systems Bureau. LCDR Jae Choi received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Maryland in 2006. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Missouri. His previous work history includes 9 years with General Services Administration as Project Manager and 1 year with Bureau of Prisons as a Pharmacist. He has also served OPA for 3 years as a Project Management Officer with responsibility for the administration of the OPA database.

I want to express my thanks to Mr. Jimmy Mitchell for his exceptional service and dedication during his twelve years as the Director of OPA during which the 340B program grew to almost 15,000 covered entity sites. Please join me in congratulating CDR Pedley and LCDR Choi on their appointments to this important office and I ask that you give them your full support.

Sincerely,

Joyce G. Somsak
Associate Administrator