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Director

Rodney Benson serves as the Director of the Office of Acquisition and Grants Management, which was previously the Acquisition and Grants Group within the Office of Operations Management. In this position, he is responsible for the award and administration of all contracts for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Mr. Benson also has responsibility for the award and administration of all discretionary grants for CMS. Mr. Benson has served in this position since October 1997.

Previously, Mr. Benson served as a Senior Attorney in the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the General Counsel. Mr. Benson served in this position for 17 years. While working in the Office of the General Counsel, Mr. Benson represented both the Health Care Financing Administration and the Social Security Administration in litigation arising from the agencies' procurement activities. He also served as a legal advisor to both HCFA and SSA on contract and related issues.

Prior to joining the Office of the General Counsel, Mr. Benson worked for a three-year period in HCFA as a Contract Specialist involved in the award and administration of agreements and contracts with Medicare intermediaries and carriers. Mr. Benson began his career in 1975 as a Contract Specialist with the Defense Contract Administration Services. He had a wide-range of responsibilities for the post-award administration of contracts.

Mr. Benson is a member of the Bar for the State of Maryland. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County and the University of Baltimore School of Law.