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Anton J. Gunn, M.S.W. was recently named as Regional Director at the Region IV Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Mr. Gunn was appointed by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on August 13, 2010. Region IV is HHS's largest region in population and domestic geography and is composed of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. HHS is the federal government's lead agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. The Department has over 300 programs covering a wide spectrum of activities including public health, health care, financing, family support, social services, emergency preparedness and food and drug safety. As Regional Director, Mr. Gunn will be the eyes, ears, and voice for Secretary Sebelius in Region IV. Mr. Gunn will represent the Secretary in direct official dealings with federal, state, local and tribal government organizations, and other external partners in the Region.

Before joining the HHS Regional Director's Office, Mr. Gunn served in the South Carolina House of Representatives. Elected to represent District 79, Gunn was the first African American in history to represent his district. Mr. Gunn has also been active on all levels in the fight for health care reform. He served on a White House Health Care Task Force of State Legislators for Health Reform and was an active partner with Families USA, a national nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

Anton Gunn began his career as a health care reformer and community organizer in South Carolina, working to expand access for low income families. He has been a tireless advocate for health care reform in South Carolina and around the Southeast. His work has included consumer advocacy on health care issues such as managed care policy, HIV/AIDS funding, hospital conversions and other social justice issues. His outstanding work in the south, afforded him the honor of being named one of the Top Ten Leaders in the Rural South by the Southern Rural Development Initiative in 2006.