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Bio for DHSS Secretary Molly Magarik

Molly Magarik was sworn in as Secretary of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services on July 31, 2020. As Secretary, she leads the principal agency charged with keeping Delawareans healthy, ensuring they get the health care they need in a fast-changing world, and providing children, families and seniors with essential social services including food benefits, disability-related services, and mental health and addiction treatment. She oversees one of the largest departments in Delaware's government with an annual budget of more than \$2 billion.



As Secretary, Magarik chairs the Health Fund Advisory Council, and is a member of the Delaware Health Care Commission, the State Employee Benefits Committee, and the Governor's Family Services Cabinet Council. As part of her portfolio, Secretary Magarik is leading strategic planning efforts, including realigning the organization with greater accountability, reimagining service delivery to improve the public's experience, and recruiting the workforce for the future. Additionally, given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Secretary Magarik, along with the Division of Public Health, will continue to advise the Governor's office on the pandemic response, while ensuring that the department's critical services continue to meet the needs of the public.

Following her nomination by Governor John Carney, Magarik was unanimously confirmed June 23, 2020, by the Delaware State Senate to be the state's 14th Secretary of DHSS.

Previously, Secretary Magarik served as the Deputy Secretary for DHSS from February 2017 to July 2020, directing and managing key priorities for DHSS, including health care financing, payment and delivery system reform; budget administration and management; early childhood education; and the state's COVID-19 response. She also served as the Department's chief strategy officer, and developed and maintained critical partnerships with Delaware cabinet agency leaders, the legislature, the federal delegation, advocates, and health care system leadership throughout the state.

Before joining DHSS, Secretary Magarik served as State Director for then Congressman John Carney and Political Director for Beau Biden's campaign for Attorney General. She also worked as a strategic advisor across nonprofits and government, including as Executive Director of the Delaware Democratic Party. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Women's Studies from the University of Delaware, and her Master's in Health Care Delivery Science from Dartmouth College. She and her husband, Josh, have two daughters and live in Middletown.