



Biographical Note

**Cal R. Ludeman**

Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Commissioner

Cal R. Ludeman is commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), the state's largest agency with an annual budget of \$11 billion and more than 7,200 employees. The department provides or administers a broad range of services, including health care, economic assistance, child welfare services, and services for the elderly and people with disabilities. DHS is one of the largest health care purchasers in the state, purchasing health care for more than 650,000 people annually and processing more than 47 million health care claims and other transactions per year. Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed Ludeman commissioner in July 2006.

Ludeman is chair of the Governor's Health Cabinet, which is charged with using the state's health care purchasing influence to buy health care better, to streamline and improve health care regulation, and to drive the market to better results for all Minnesotans. He co-chairs the Governor's Health Transformation Task Force and the Smart-Buy Alliance, a coalition of public and private health care purchasers that represent approximately two-thirds of all of Minnesotans.

Prior to joining DHS, Ludeman served as commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employee Relations from 2003 to 2006. He served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985, including as minority whip in 1983 and 1984. Ludeman is from Tracy, Minnesota. He and his wife, Deb, have 3 children and 8 granddaughters.