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### **Congratulations to Marguerite Salazar**

DENVER— On behalf of the Colorado Community Health Network, I wish to extend our congratulations to Marguerite Salazar, president and CEO of Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc., for her appointment as U.S. Health and Human services (HHS) Regional Director.

We in the Community Health Center movement have had the privilege of working with Marguerite for years and we know of her exceptional qualities. She has been a dedicated champion of Community Health Centers and community health. She has tireless energy for advocating on behalf of the underserved populations and the community in Alamosa and surrounding areas.

Colorado has been and continues to be lucky to have the dedication, creative thinking, and hard work of Marguerite. We wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to continued collaboration to assure high quality health care for all in Colorado.

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*The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the collective voice for Colorado's 15 Community Health Centers (CHCs) and their patients. CHCs provide a health care home to more than 500,000 of their community members - one in 10 people in Colorado - from 55 of the state's 64 counties. Without CHCs, hundreds of thousands of Colorado's low-income families and individuals would have no regular source of health care. CCHN's mission is to increase access to high quality health care for people in need in Colorado. For more information about CCHN, please visit [www.cchn.org](http://www.cchn.org).*

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