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THE AIDS INSTITUTE STATEMENT ON HHS SECRETARY NOMINEE ALEX AZAR

Washington, DC – In reaction to the announcement today by President Donald Trump that he has nominated Alex Azar as the next Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), The AIDS Institute issued the following statement:

“As both a former HHS Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, together with his private sector experience, Alex Azar has the knowledge, expertise, and leadership to oversee our Nation’s health response. While we may not share some of the Trump Administration’s objectives relative to such issues as the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, we believe a practical problem-solver like Mr. Azar is the right person for the job for this Administration. He has been a dedicated public servant with additional leadership in the health industry who understands the importance of meeting the health needs of patients. He also values the role of the patient voice in decision-making.

“The AIDS Institute looks forward to Senate consideration of the nomination and hearing more details from Mr. Azar on how HHS, under his stewardship, will lead our Nation’s efforts to eliminate HIV and hepatitis and address other health issues. We hope the confirmation process will occur without delay in order to quickly fill the current leadership gap at HHS.”

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