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Christi A. Grimm is the Principal Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG). Since January 2020, Ms. Grimm has been performing the duties of the Inspector General for HHS. As the head of HHS OIG, she leads an independent and objective organization of more than 1,600 auditors, evaluators, investigators, lawyers, and management professionals who carry out OIG's mission to protect the integrity of HHS programs as well as the health and welfare of the people they serve. Ms. Grimm is responsible for the oversight of more than 100 programs administered by HHS agencies such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Administration for Children and Families, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and National Institutes of Health. Collectively, these programs are regularly responsible for approximately \$1.5 trillion annually; with the inclusion of the Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) relief funding, HHS was responsible for a total of \$2.4 trillion in 2020. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, HHS OIG is responsible for oversight of the HHS COVID-19 response and relief efforts. Ms. Grimm represents HHS OIG on the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) and leads PRAC's Health Care Subgroup.

Ms. Grimm brings two decades of leadership and expertise in health and human services programs. She is a leading expert in program integrity issues related to HHS programs, with particular emphasis on health and safety in care provided in home and community-based settings, in hospitals and nursing homes, and in facilities serving unaccompanied children under HHS' Office of Refugee resettlement. Ms. Grimm regularly engages with Government partners, national professional associations, and the private sector. She elevates accessibility and understanding of OIG work through articles on a range of topics including medical identity theft, deleterious effects of elevated risk scores in Medicare managed care, and commercial influences in electronic health records. Ms. Grimm frequently represents OIG as a speaker at educational programs and before Congress and the media.

From 2014 to 2019, Ms. Grimm was the Chief of Staff and Deputy Inspector General for the Immediate Office. As Chief of Staff, she was responsible for effective management of OIG operations, congressional affairs, and media communications. She also directed OIG's strategic planning, was responsible for effective execution of OIG's priorities, and advised on a wide variety of policy and operational matters. Prior to becoming OIG's Chief of Staff, Ms. Grimm served in several organizational leadership roles, including Director of Policy and Programs and Senior Advisor for Program Oversight. Ms. Grimm began her career with OIG in 1999 as an evaluator and later served as a Senior Program Analyst in OIG's Office of Evaluation and Inspections. She designed and conducted groundbreaking work to improve quality and safety in hospitals, stop unqualified providers from enrolling in Medicare and Medicaid, and improve the process for appealing Medicare payment decisions.

Ms. Grimm previously worked at CMS, conducting national assessments of contractor performance. Ms. Grimm holds a Master of Public Administration from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado, Denver. She is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Senior Managers in Government. Ms. Grimm has received the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Management and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence in Management.

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