

# Several Trump administration officials are under consideration for HHS secretary

Several candidates are being considered following Tom Price's resignation on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>



**Alex Azar**, former deputy secretary of HHS

- Served as deputy secretary of HHS under George W. Bush
- Former president of the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly
- Has worked closely with Eric Hargan, the acting HHS secretary

**\*Reports suggest that Trump has signed off on Azar, who has been shortlisted for the HHS secretary position**



**David Shulkin**, secretary of Veterans Affairs

- The only Cabinet nominee to be unanimously confirmed
- Has been criticized for taking part in leisure activities while on business trips
- Is a physician and a former health administrator
- Served as the VA's undersecretary of health under the Obama administration



**Rick Scott**, governor of Florida (R)

- Former hospital executive
- Chaired a super PAC that supported Trump during the 2016 election
- Has said he is considering running for Senate against Bill Nelson
- Previously owned a company that was charged with health care fraud



**Don Wright**, acting assistant secretary for health of HHS

- Has held several positions within HHS
- Served as the alternate U.S. delegate to the WHO Executive Board under the Bush administration
- Has a medical degree as well as a master's in public health



**Bobby Jindal**, former Louisiana governor (R)

- Worked on health policy academically and professionally before entering politics
- Worked in HHS under George W. Bush and served in Congress before becoming governor
- Is socially and economically conservative, and favors a deregulated free-market health care system

Previous front-runners to take over as HHS secretary **were Seema Verma**, director of CMS, and **Scott Gottlieb**, FDA commissioner

- Reports suggest Verma and Gottlieb are no longer under consideration for the position