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DHHR realigns Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification

Michael J. Lewis, secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, has announced that the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification is moving administratively from the Bureau for Public Health to the Office of Inspector General.

“The safety of the people in health facilities throughout West Virginia is our foremost concern,” said Lewis, a family physician. “Placing OHFLAC in the inspector general’s office is a perfect fit for our clients, and it will help streamline DHHR and improve efficiency in state government as Governor Earl Ray Tomblin has directed.”

OHFLAC’s mission is to help shape healthy environments for clients, patients and residents within health care facilities by promoting the quality services and high standards of care that exist when facilities are in compliance with state licensure laws and federal certification regulations.

“That’s perfect for what we do,” said DHHR’s Inspector General Molly McIntyre Jordan, “since in the Inspector General’s Office we ensure the integrity of DHHR programs and operations.” The move was effective Feb. 1.