

Xavier Becerra is the 25th Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the first Latino to hold the office. As Secretary, he carries out President Biden's vision to build a healthy America, and focuses on ensuring all Americans have health security and access to healthcare.

Throughout his career, the Secretary has prioritized ensuring Americans have access to affordable healthcare - from his early days as a legal advocate representing individuals with mental illness, to his role as the Attorney General of California.

Secretary Becerra served 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was the first Latino to serve as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, served as Chairman of his party's caucus, and as the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Secretary Becerra introduced the Medicare Savings Programs Improvement Act of 2007, expanding cost-sharing subsidies for seniors who receive Medicare and Medicaid. He championed provisions of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, and was one of the original cosponsors of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

As Attorney General of California, Secretary Becerra took on a number of pharmaceutical companies that restricted competition through "pay-for-delay" schemes, held companies accountable for not protecting patients' health information, and took action early in the pandemic to keep working Californians safe from exposure to COVID-19 and secured safeguards for frontline health care workers. In addition, he cracked down on Medicare and Medicaid fraud, combatted the opioid crisis, held drug makers accountable, won a \$575 million antitrust settlement against one of the largest health systems in California, and led the three-year federal court fight to save the ACA including, the protections of Americans with preexisting conditions.

Born in Sacramento, Secretary Becerra is the son of working-class parents. He was the first in his family to receive a four-year degree, earning his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Stanford University and J.D. from Stanford Law School. His mother immigrated to the United States after marrying his father, a day laborer turned construction worker. He is married to Dr. Carolina Reyes, and he is proud of his three daughters: Clarisa, Olivia and Natalia, and son-in-law Ivan.