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Dr. Thompson is the Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Regional Office in San Francisco and a Captain in the United States Public Health Service. As the chief CMS clinician for Region IX, Dr. Thompson serves as the principal liaison to professional organizations with respect to quality improvement and health reform.

Dr. Thompson has considerable experience in multiple facets of the health field. She spent 10 years with CDC where she helped develop agency relationships with health plans and employers in order to improve the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care. Dr. Thompson came to CMS after serving as Chief Medical Director of a non-profit health plan in rural Colorado. In that position, she worked closely with network physicians and facilities to foster quality improvement efforts. In 2009, Dr. Thompson was instrumental in getting Colorado state legislation passed to provide first dollar coverage for the most cost-effective preventive services. Throughout her career, Dr. Thompson has been an active member of many state, regional, and national initiatives focused on improving the quality of health care. Dr. Thompson is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine and holds a doctorate in Health Policy.

Abbreviated version:

Dr. Thompson is the Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Regional Office in San Francisco. In that position, she serves as the chief CMS clinician for Region IX. Prior to joining CMS, Dr. Thompson was the Chief Medical Director for a rural non-profit health plan; a Branch Chief and Epidemiologist at the CDC; and a clinician for underserved populations. Dr. Thompson has been active on many state, regional, and national committees focused on improving the quality of health care. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine and holds a master's degree in public health and a doctorate in Health Policy.