

**Cal R. Ludeman**  
**Commissioner**  
**Minnesota Department of Human Services**

Cal R. Ludeman is commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the state's largest agency with an annual budget of \$11 billion and more than 7,200 employees. The department provides or administers a broad range of services, including healthcare, economic assistance, child welfare services, and services for the elderly and people with disabilities. DHS is one of the largest healthcare purchasers in the state, purchasing healthcare for more than 650,000 annually and processing more than 47 million healthcare claims and other transactions per year. Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed Ludeman commissioner in July 2006.

Ludeman is chair of the Governor's Health Cabinet, which is charged with using the state's healthcare purchasing influence to buy healthcare better, to streamline and improve healthcare regulation, and to drive the market to better results for all Minnesotans. He co-chaired the Governor's Health Transformation Task Force that resulted in significant healthcare reform in 2008. Ludeman is also co-chair of the Smart-Buy Alliance, a coalition of public and private healthcare purchasers that represent approximately two-thirds of all Minnesotans.

Prior to joining DHS, Ludeman served as commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employee Relations from 2003 to 2006. He served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985, including as minority whip in 1983 and 1984. Ludeman is from Tracy, Minnesota. He and his wife, Deb, have 3 children, 8 granddaughters, and one grandson.