

**JASON A. HELGERSON**

Medicaid Director, State of Wisconsin

Mr. Helgerson became Medicaid Director for Wisconsin on March 19, 2006. As Administrator of the Division of Health Care Financing, he is also responsible for Wisconsin's SCHIP program, BadgerCare, its Pharmacy Plus waiver, SeniorCare, FoodShare (Food Stamp program), and Wisconsin's Chronic Disease Aids program.

Jason has served as principle project sponsor for Governor Doyle's signature health care initiative, BadgerCare Plus. Through this new program, 98% of Wisconsin residents will have access to affordable health care.

Jason served as Executive Assistant/Policy Director to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) from February 2005 to March 2006. Prior to joining DHFS, Jason served as the Executive Assistant for Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Prior to joining the Doyle Administration, Mr. Helgerson served as the Senior Education Policy Advisor for Mayor Ron Gonzales of the City of San Jose, CA. In this role, he provided advice and counsel to the Mayor on all issues related to children. Prior to joining the Mayor's staff, Jason worked for the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) where he served as both the chief lobbyist for the district and as a deputy budget director. Before taking the position with MPS, Jason worked for Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist where he was the Education Policy Advisor and served as a senior official in the Mayor's Budget Office. Jason received his Masters of Public Policy degree from the University of Chicago in 1995, and his BA in Political Science from American University in Washington, DC in 1993.