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**Executive Deputy Director Thomas Dow Leaving WCA**

**Albuquerque, N.M., July 24, 2017** – Workers' Compensation Administration (WCA), Executive Deputy Director Thomas E. Dow announced his resignation, effective July 28, 2017. Dow has accepted a position as compliance director for the New Mexico Board of Nursing, a classified position within the state government system. In his new role, Dow will oversee programs and processes related to the legal compliance of individual nurses and certificate holders with the Nursing Practice Act. He will start his new job on July 31.

"I am grateful to Tom for his service at the WCA over the last several years," said WCA Director Darin Childers. "In his role as deputy director, Tom handled many of the difficult and delicate issues facing our agency. He did so with a good attitude, a fresh perspective, and superior legal acumen. We wish him the very best in his new position."

Dow was appointed as an executive deputy director of the WCA in November 2011. He was raised in Milwaukee, Wis., and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Carroll College, Waukesha, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Law. Dow moved to New Mexico and was admitted to the State Bar of New Mexico in 1985. He has served as an assistant district attorney in Clovis and in Santa Fe. Other legal positions held include chief territorial prosecutor for the US Territory of American Samoa, senior trial attorney

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and managing attorney in the Roswell Office of the Public Defender Department, and a legislative analyst for the New Mexico Legislature.

“While I will miss the many wonderful people at the WCA, I look forward to new challenges ahead,” Dow said of his departure.