

Mr. Thomas McCaffery

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs



Mr. Tom McCaffery was sworn in as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on August 12, 2019.

In this role, Mr. McCaffery is the principal medical advisor to the Secretary of Defense. He administers the Military Health System (MHS) \$50 billion Defense Health Program (DHP) budget and is responsible for ensuring the global delivery of quality, cost effective health care to 9.4 million Service Members, retirees, and their families. Mr. McCaffery oversees the Defense Health Agency and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Mr. McCaffery has extensive experience in the health care industry. Most recently, he served as Vice President, California State Partnerships at Blue Shield of California. In this capacity, he led the day-to-day activities governing Blue Shield's post-acquisition integration of the Care1st Health Plan, a 500,000 member health plan serving Medicaid and Medicare members. Prior to that role, he served as Vice President of Blue Shield's CalPERS sector, where he led a team responsible for all strategic initiatives, product development, marketing, pricing, and operational functions for the 400,000 member California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) account.

Prior to his tenure at Blue Shield, he served as Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Health Services, California's public health and health care services agency. Mr. McCaffery also served as Senior Vice President / Chief Operating Officer at the Alliance of Catholic Health Care, the public policy and advocacy organization representing California's Catholic health systems and hospitals. Earlier in his career, he served on the staff of the Washington, DC Office of the Governor of California.

Active in many community organizations, Mr. McCaffery has served on a number of healthcare, education and children's program non-profits in the Sacramento area.

Mr. McCaffery graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Government and International Relations and holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.