



## Department of Veterans Affairs

### Senior Executive Biography

#### ***Maria, Llorente, MD***

#### ***Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health Office of Integrated Veteran Care Veterans Health Administration***



Maria D. Llorente was appointed to serve as the Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Integrated Veteran Care (IVC), effective February 27, 2025. In this role she provides leadership, guidance, and expertise over access to care initiatives including oversight of the community care contracts and management of five congressionally mandated programs that reimburse care for family members. Previously, Dr. Llorente served as the Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services. In that role, she provided oversight and coordination to 7 national program offices. She held leadership positions at various levels of the organization, including having been the Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health Service Line, as well as Deputy Chief of Staff in the field. She has served as the Deputy CMO and Mental Health Lead at the VISN level and continues to deliver geriatric psychiatry services for veterans at the DC VA Medical Center. She has led or co-led several professional organization committees, and served as the Chair of the Council on Geriatric Psychiatry of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Llorente is Professor of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry at Georgetown University School of Medicine. She obtained her medical degree from the J. Hillis Miller College of Medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida and completed her psychiatry residency training at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami. She is Board certified in General Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine. She participated in numerous research studies including potential treatments for Alzheimer's disease, examining models of mental health services delivery for geriatric patients, screening for substance use disorders among older adults, and served on the interprofessional workgroup that conducted the triennial review of the Measurement Set for Quality Improvement in Dementia Care. She was actively involved in implementation of multiple sections of the Veterans PACT Act, as well as implementation of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Outdoor Recreation which is a part of the Veterans COMPACT Act. She served as the co-Chair of the joint VA/DoD Clinical Care Business Line. Most recently, she was the recipient of the John D. Chase Award for Executive Excellence in Health Care.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2019 – 2019 Acting Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health, Patient Care Services, VACO, Washington DC  
2017 – 2019 Deputy Chief of Staff, Washington DC VAMC, Washington DC  
2017 – 2017 Deputy Chief Medical Officer, VISN 5, Linthicum, MD  
2010 – 2017 Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health, Washington DC VAMC, Washington, DC  
2003 – 2010 Chief, Psychiatry Service, Miami VAMC, Miami, Florida

#### **EDUCATION:**

1990 Residency in Psychiatry, University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Residency Training Program, Miami, Florida  
1986 Medical Doctorate, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, Florida  
1982 BA in English/Psychology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida