



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Margarita Devlin, MA, CRC

Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits Veterans Benefits Administration

Margarita Devlin was selected to serve as Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits in the Department of Veterans Affairs on May 14, 2018. In this position, she serves as second in command in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), which administers benefits programs for Veterans, including education, home loan guaranty, disability compensation, pension, fiduciary, vocational rehabilitation and employment, life insurance, and transition assistance. Services are delivered through a nationwide network of 56 regional offices, special processing centers, and VBA Headquarters.



Ms. Devlin has a long history with VA, having served for over 20 years in various positions of increasing responsibility. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor who provided counseling and evaluation services to Veterans in the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Division of the Saint Petersburg, FL. VA Regional Office, where she later progressed to positions as Assistant VR&E Officer and VR&E Officer. She subsequently served in Washington, DC as the Deputy VR&E Service Director; the Acting VR&E Service Director; Executive Director for Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination, Executive Director for Navigation, Advocacy, and Community Engagement, and most recently she served as the Executive Director of the Benefits Assistance Service.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

Executive Director, Navigation, Advocacy and Community Engagement (2015 – 2017)

Executive Director, Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination (2014 – 2015)

Acting Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (2013)

Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (2009 – 2013)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Officer (2005 – 2008)

EDUCATION:

Master of Arts, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL – graduated August, 1995

Bachelor of Arts, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL – awarded August, 1995 with MA degree