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Dinorah Collazo Ortiz is the current Executive Director of the Medicaid Program of the Puerto Rico Department of Health. In the discharge of her functions, she has the mission of complementing the Secretary of Health's work in designing and implementing strategic plans to make possible a health system accessible to citizens whose income and economic resources are insufficient to cover the cost of medical insurance. Before this role, she served as the Secretary of Health, Chief of Staff work team, and Legal Advisor to the head of the Department of Health.

She worked as a lawyer for the law firm Saldaña, Carvajal Vélez-Rivé, PSC, an entity recognized for its successful execution in handling complex legal litigations. Earlier, she was part of Doctors' Center Hospital, Inc., a hospital entity where she led the investigation, legal strategy, and litigation processes corresponding to medical malpractice cases while providing legal advice. She also stood out as a trial attorney for the well-known Integrand Assurance Company, effectively handling cases and successfully negotiating settlement agreements.

Ms. Collazo Ortiz was the Director of the Legal Department of the Office of the Patient's Ombudsman. In this government unit, she headed the administrative and contractual execution and supervision of the lawyer component and their work performance. Advocacy for agency positions on government affairs was instrumental in her legislative efforts and research on behalf of patients' rights.

Her professional career includes her work as a member of the Bidding Board in the General Services Administration of the Government of Puerto Rico.

Ms. Collazo Ortiz holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, a degree she obtained in 2009. Before receiving this postgraduate education, she participated, in 2008, in the Exchange Program of the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp in Antwerp, Belgium. This opportunity strengthened her literary heritage in international law, globalization, health law, trade, European Union law, and human rights.

She obtained a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and Modern Languages from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, in May 2005, with the distinction Magna Laude. She participated in the Exchange Program at Sorbonne University in Paris, France, in June 2002.

Dinorah Collazo Ortiz holds a Health Coach certification from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition as part of her professional credit. She has been a member of recognized professional associations and non-profit entities in Puerto Rico. She contributes her knowledge and professional experience as part of her social commitment to the optimal quality of life of the Puerto Rican population and support for the well-being they expect and deserve.