

**Fred Schuster**  
**Region VI Director**  
**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**



Fred Schuster of Ankeny, Iowa has been appointed as Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As Regional Director, Mr. Schuster serves as HHS Secretary Alex Azar's representative responsible for guiding and coordinating HHS policies. Mr Schuster facilitates communication regarding HHS initiatives as they relate to state, local, and tribal governments.

Mr. Schuster graduated from Pleasantville High School and majored in Business Administration at Iowa State University. While attending Iowa State, he worked a year for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and was elected to several positions including President of the Student Body. He was also inducted into Cardinal Key, the university's highest honorary society.

Mr. Schuster was hired by U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley to be the Regional Director for the office in Des Moines and later for Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He traveled thousands of miles both with Senator Grassley and on his own throughout Iowa and held hundreds of meetings to answer questions or to help people having problems with healthcare and many other issues. He also served as Business and Economic Liaison. Among other duties, Mr. Schuster organized and raised the funds to bring representatives from 55 countries to Iowa for a week. The diplomats, many were ambassadors, visited numerous economic, agricultural, educational and cultural stops to help promote trade.

During the Presidency of George W. Bush, Mr. Schuster was appointed to be the HHS Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Region VII, which included the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Among other issues Mr. Schuster worked on the Medicare Part D drug benefit, pandemic preparation, quality measures and Value Driven Health Care.

Mr. Schuster has two daughters and one grand-daughter.