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**AANS and CNS Statement on the Confirmation of Rep. Tom Price to Lead HHS**

*Neurosurgeons Commend Senate for Approving Dr. Price's Nomination as Nation's Top Health Official*

Washington, DC—The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) commend the United States Senate for confirming Rep. Tom Price, MD (R-Ga.) to serve as the new Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

“Throughout his time in Congress, Dr. Price, an orthopaedic surgeon, has been a staunch advocate for the preservation of the doctor-patient relationship, a fierce protector of private practice and a stalwart supporter of academic medicine,” remarked AANS president, Frederick A. Boop, MD, FAANS, a pediatric neurosurgeon from Memphis, Tenn. “As a practicing physician, he understands all aspects of the health care system, which is essential to run HHS effectively,” Dr. Boop added.

CNS president, Alan M. Scarrow, MD, JD, FAANS, a practicing neurosurgeon from Springfield, Mo., noted, “On behalf of organized neurosurgery we congratulate Dr. Price on his confirmation, and we look forward to working with him to create a health care delivery system that promotes high-quality, high-value, and better-coordinated care for our patients.”

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*The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), founded in 1931, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), founded in 1951, are the two largest scientific and educational associations for neurosurgical professionals in the world. These groups represent over 8,000 neurosurgeons worldwide. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system, including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves. For more information, please visit [www.aans.org](http://www.aans.org) or [www.cns.org](http://www.cns.org), read our blog [www.neurosurgeryblog.org](http://www.neurosurgeryblog.org), follow us on [Twitter](#) or connect with us on [Facebook](#).*