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The Secretary of State for Health is the highest body of the Department responsible for carrying out the functions concerning public health, inter-territorial coordination, high inspection, health planning, preparation and updating of the common portfolio of services of the National Health System, organisation of health professions and development and execution of pharmaceutical policy, as well as functions relating to public financing and setting the price of medicines and health products and the development of the Ministry's policy on the coordination of transplant policy. It is also responsible for promoting health strategies, as well as relevant actions in the areas of food safety intended for human consumption, including nutrition and quality aspects with an impact on the health and safety of the food chain, all without prejudice to the powers attributed to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food. It is also responsible for developing and fulfilling the Department's responsibilities for the coordination and implementation of the National Plan on Drugs, in particular in the area of drug addiction and other addictions.

Academic background

A graduate in Medicine from the Autonomous University of Madrid, a specialist in Family and Community Medicine, he has worked in different areas related to health and health policies. In the last two years, he has been a regional deputy in the Madrid Assembly, having held the position of spokesperson for Health.

With a master's degree in Public Health, as well as in Health and Drug Economics and Philosophy for Contemporary Challenges.

Professional experience

Appointed Secretary of State for Health by Royal Decree 986/2023, of 28 November 2023 (BOE of 29 November).

He has developed his professional work mainly in the field of Primary Care as a family doctor, in several health centers in the Community of Madrid.

In addition, he worked as a public policy advisor for En Comú Podem in the Congress of Deputies, was part of the advisory group for the COVID-19 pandemic of the Principality of Asturias, has authored several books on health and health policies, and has maintained teaching collaborations for years with the Andalusian School of Public Health.