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Frances E. Ashe-Goins currently serves as the Acting Director for the Office on Women's Health (OWH), U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). As the Acting Director, she is responsible for the overall functions of OWH and participates in the formulation of policies, goals, and activities related to women's health. Particularly, she oversees numerous programs related to women's health issues including HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, mental health, lupus awareness, diabetes, organ/tissue donation, and minority and international women's health. In addition, throughout her years of service, she has implemented several innovative programs and national summits to address HIV/AIDS, Violence Against Women (VAW) and the Lupus Educational Awareness Project which received national attention.

Mrs. Ashe-Goins is a registered nurse and has a diverse background of experience in clinical health care and public health education. She received a MPH in Health Education from the University of South Carolina in 1980. She has written many articles, made several presentations at national and international conferences and workshops, appeared on many radio and television programs, been featured in a variety of magazine and newspaper articles and calendars, and received many awards and commendations. Her performance and expertise have been acknowledged with many awards for superior service by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of DHHS and several other elite government and private sector officials. Mrs. Frances Ashe-Goins is a lifetime advocate for improving the overall health of all women and girls.