

**Maxine Hayes, MD, MPH**, is the State Health Officer for the Washington State Department of Health. As the state's top public health doctor, her role includes advising the governor and the secretary of health on issues ranging from health promotion and chronic disease prevention to emergency response, including pandemic influenza preparedness. She also works closely with the medical community, local health departments and community groups.

Prior to her appointment as Health Officer, Dr. Hayes was the Assistant Secretary of Community and Family Health. Dr. Hayes is clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington, School of Medicine, and on the MCH faculty of the School of Public Health.

Dr. Hayes was the 1999 Distinguished Alumna of the Year for the State University of New York School of Medicine at Buffalo and the Year 2000 recipient of the Stockton Kimball Award. In 2000 she was presented an honorary Doctorate of Science by former Acting Surgeon General, and President of Spelman College, Dr. Audrey Manley. She is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work in maternal and child health, including the American Medical Association's 2002 Dr. Nathan Davis Award and the 2003 Heroes in Health Care Lifetime Achievement Award through the Washington Health Foundation. Dr. Hayes was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in October 2006. Dr. Hayes also is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

*Dr. Hayes identifies the following experiences as having a major impact on her development as a leader:*

- *Birth order and being in charge of my siblings (oldest of 5) at an early age while my parents worked.*
- *Being the first woman at high school to be president of a student council.*
- *Taking leadership roles in community and church organizations while growing up.*
- *Attending an all women's college and assuming leadership roles in science organizations.*
- *Being one of only 10 women in my medical school class.*
- *Being President of AMCHP.*