

Biography for Josette DelleDonne Manning, Esq.  
Cabinet Secretary  
Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Josette DelleDonne Manning was sworn in as Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health and Social Services on July 17, 2023. Secretary Manning comes to DHSS from the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, where she had been Cabinet Secretary since January 23, 2017. Prior to that, she was a prosecutor for the Delaware Department of Justice for 17 years, prosecuting crimes from misdemeanors to capital murder. She served as Director of the Special Victims Unit, overseeing prosecution of all child abuse, child death and sex crime cases statewide.

She is an active member of Governor Carney's Family Services Cabinet Council, where she and other cabinet secretaries are working diligently to coordinate better state services for families such as job training, early childhood education, substance abuse treatment, and quality, affordable housing. Secretary Manning is a leader in Delaware's efforts to become a trauma-informed state by integrating best practices and training for all employees to better serve clients and encourage mindfulness and self-care for staff.

Secretary Manning resides in Wilmington with her husband and their three children.