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Dr. Kevin Charest serves as the Chief Information Security Officer for the Department of Health and Services (HHS). He leads the Office of Information Security and is directly responsible for the HHS cybersecurity technology project portfolio for the Department. HHS is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human health services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. HHS represents almost a quarter of all federal outlays, and it administers more grant dollars than all other federal agencies combined.

Prior to joining the federal government Dr. Charest served in a number of entrepreneurial and senior executive positions in the private sector. Dr. Charest's leadership in technology applications, innovation, and security were instrumental to the development of numerous products and services. Dr. Charest was the 2013 recipient of the National Security Agency's Frank B. Rowlett Award for Individual Excellence in Cyber Security.

Dr. Charest holds a Ph.D. in Information Technology with a sub-concentration in Information Security and Assurance from Capella University. He also holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of West Georgia and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Central Arkansas. He is also a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Army.