

# FACT SHEET: Casey Means Is Deeply Unqualified To Serve As Surgeon General

On Feb. 25, Trump's nominee for Surgeon General, Casey Means, is scheduled to appear before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions for her confirmation hearing. Even though she is neither a board-certified physician nor the holder of an active medical license, Trump wants to appoint her to the position of America's top public health educator and doctor and give her a free license to direct public health guidance.

Not only does she have a very limited background in professional medical practice, but Means is known for her distrust of traditional medical practices. She has gone on record opposing everything from birth control pills to the newborn dose of the hepatitis B vaccine, and her public health stances are in lock-step with RFK Jr. Since quitting her surgical residency, Means' real professional background has centered around earning money from being a wellness influencer (while failing to disclose the majority of her product sponsorships) and co-founding a biotech company that benefits from the Trump-GOP budget bill and stands to gain from a public health guidance focused on wellness and wearable health technology. Means would only add to the ranks of MAHA grifters in HHS who lack the experience to guide our nation's public health infrastructure.

**Casey Means Wants To Be Surgeon General – Despite Not Completing Her Medical Residency and Holding An Inactive Medical License.** Means is [not a board-certified physician](#) and has a very limited background in professional medical practice. Although she has a background in [ear, nose, and throat surgery](#), she [dropped out](#) of her residency after medical school. She [started](#) a “functional medicine and wellness consulting” practice in 2019, but her business registration [lapsed](#) after just two years, and her medical license is [currently inactive](#). She has no practice locations on file in Oregon and is not currently authorized to practice medicine.

**Casey Means Has Pushed An Anti-Science Agenda That Threats America's Public Health.** Means is known for her [distrust](#) of traditional health care providers. She has pushed back against birth control pills, calling them a “[disrespect of life](#),” opposed “needless” IVF, and [questioned](#) the need for infants to be inoculated against hepatitis B. She is [also](#) a [strong supporter](#) of RFK Jr.'s anti-science, MAHA agenda, [opposing](#) bans on raw milk.

**Casey Means Is a Biotech Industry Insider With Substantial Wellness Industry Conflicts of Interest.** Means is the Chief Medical Officer and [co-founder](#) of biotech company Levels Health, which charges customers [as much as \\$1.499 per year](#) for services – some of which can be [purchased](#) through tax-free Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts, suggesting that Means' company [directly benefited](#) from the portions of Trump's budget bill's expansion of HSA eligibility and heightened contribution limits. The company was [most recently valued](#) at \$300 million, even though Means has listed her personal stake in the company to be worth no more than \$500,000.

- **Means Failed To Disclose Financial Relationships With Companies In Past Product Promotions.** Means has a history of failing to disclose sponsorship relationships in social media posts promoting wellness products. Public Citizen [found](#) that she “failed to disclose her relationship 79 out of 140 (56%) times she promoted products from companies with which she has financial relationships.”