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**THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WELCOMES DR. CHARLENE A. BROWN AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR CLINICAL SERVICES**

**BALTIMORE, MD** (November 29, 2007) The Baltimore City Health Department is pleased to welcome Dr. Charlene A. Brown as the new Assistant Commissioner for Clinical Services.

Dr. Brown is a 1992 graduate of Princeton University, a 1998 graduate of Harvard Medical School, and graduate and chief resident of the training program in primary care internal medicine at one of the country's oldest municipal hospitals, Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is board certified in internal medicine and has a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Between 2002 and 2004, Dr. Brown designed, managed, and evaluated various aspects of the implementation of various HIV prevention and care efforts in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean for the Office of HIV/AIDS at the U.S. Agency for International Development. She received a "Sustained Outstanding Performance Award" from the Agency in 2004. Throughout her career, Dr. Brown has collaborated with the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF, and numerous local and international non-governmental organizations. She has also worked on antiviral drug development at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and independently as a public health consultant.

At the Health Department, Dr. Brown will oversee clinical and public health efforts on sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, oral health, and men's health.

"Baltimore is fortunate to have attracted such a talented and experienced public health leader," said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Commissioner of Health.

"I am excited to join such a dynamic community of individuals striving to improve the health of Baltimore City. I look forward to the challenges ahead," said Dr. Brown.

The previous Assistant Commissioner for Clinical Services, Dr. Laura Herrera, is moving to the position of Deputy Health Commissioner. Dr. Herrera, a family physician, will oversee the divisions of clinical services, chronic disease prevention, and emergency preparedness.