



NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

2023 Federal-State Policy Roundtable

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Virtual Event

Agenda

(As of September 15, 2023)

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12:00 – 12:10 p.m. **Welcome & Introductions**

Remarks by:

- **Eric Gascho**, Senior Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, National Health Council

12:10 – 12:40 p.m. **CMS Federal-State Coordination**

This session will provide an overview of the role and priorities of the Office of Program Operations and Local Engagement (OPOLE) and how advocates can engage with local offices and arms of CMS.

Moderator:

- **Eric Gascho**, Senior Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, National Health Council

Guest Speaker:

- **John Hammarlund**, Deputy Director, Local Engagement & Administration, Office of Program Operations and Local Engagement (OPOLE) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

12:40 – 1:10 p.m. **Facilitated Breakouts on State Policy Trends**

Participants will be divided into small, facilitated breakout groups with equal representation of state and federal policy professionals to share perspectives on health policy trends, discuss priorities, and share intel when appropriate.

Facilitators:

- **Jennifer Dexter**, Vice President, Policy, National Health Council

- **Eric Gascho**, Senior Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, National Health Council
- **Allen Pinn**, Policy Coordinator, National Health Council
- **Jennifer Schleman**, Senior Vice President, Communications & Governance

1:10 - 1:15 p.m. Break

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Reporting from Breakouts**

1:30 – 1:35 p.m. Break

1:35 – 2:05 p.m. **Overview of Medicaid Issues in States and Federal Response**

The session includes an overview of Medicaid issues facing patients, state regulators, and legislators.

Moderator:

- **Eric Gascho**, Senior Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, National Health Council

Guest Speaker:

- **Robin Rudowitz**, Vice President, KFF and Director, Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured

2:05 – 2:25 p.m. **Reactor Panel of NHC Members**

NHC members will share their experiences and react to the Medicaid issues.

Moderator:

- **Jennifer Dexter**, Vice President, Policy, National Health Council

Panelists:

- **David W. Benson**, Senior State and Local Campaigns Manager, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- **Caren Howard**, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, Mental Health America

2:25 – 2:30 p.m. **Wrap-up and Event Adjourns**