



Medicare Part D in its Second Decade

Speaker Biographies

Michael Freeman
Executive Vice President
Healthcare Leadership Council

Michael Freeman is Executive Vice President of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading healthcare companies and organization. His responsibilities include communicating HLC's policy positions and initiatives to the media, members of Congress, leading health policy influencers, and the public at large. Prior to joining HLC in 1996, he served in a number of roles in the executive and legislative branches as well as the private sector, including chief speechwriter for the Social Security Administration, communications staff director for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, spokesman for the congressional Joint Economic Committee, and president of the Freeman Masters Group public affairs and executive communications firm.

Elizabeth Hall
Vice President of Federal Affairs
Anthem, Inc

Elizabeth P. Hall is the Vice President of Federal Affairs for Anthem, Inc. Ms. Hall and her staff represent the company's positions to Congress, the Administration, and national organizations representing consumer advocates, providers, and employers. This includes supporting the National Advisory Board (NAB) on Improving Health Care Services for Older Adults and People with Disabilities.

Prior to joining Anthem, Inc., Ms. Hall served as the Director of the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at the Department of Health and Human Services. In this capacity she developed the legislative agenda for CMS, working closely with staff and leadership in the Agency, the Department, the Office of Management and Budget, and the White House as well as Congressional staff, both at the Committee level and the Member level.

Ms. Hall also spent more than eight years working in the United States Senate in Leadership, Committee and Personal office staff positions. She served as the Director of Health Policy in the Office of U.S. Senate Majority Leader William H. Frist, M.D. (R-TN), where she was responsible for overseeing the development of legislation and political strategy and responding to emerging health care issues, including the Medicare

Modernization Act of 2003, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the Pandemic Response and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2005, the Tax Extenders and Health Care Act of 2006. Ms. Hall also worked as Director of Domestic Policy for Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE), advising him on domestic policy, particularly health care and education. She has a BA in Sociology with studies focused on Health Policy and the Sociology of Medicine and Bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania. She serves on the Board of the Alliance for Health Policy.

Liz Cirri, MBA
Head, US Reimbursement and Public Policy
Sanofi US

Liz Cirri has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over 25 years largely focused on government markets and policies. She has lead teams in the realm of healthcare policy, the legislative and regulatory process, healthcare reimbursement, government contract sales, government reporting and compliance, auditing, systems implementation and people management.

Liz has won various company awards related to helping the organization implement and operationalize a host of notable government legislative events, including the implementation of Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. She formerly served on the board of directors of a patient healthcare data management company. Liz has worked as an auditor for KPMG and has had various roles at both Warner-Lambert (now Pfizer) and Sanofi.

Liz's education includes accounting (she is a CPA in the state of NJ), she has an MBA from Fairleigh Dickenson University, and is a Member of the Harvard Alumni Association as a result of its extensive executive education programs.

Andrew Sperling
Director of Federal Legislative Advocacy
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Andrew Sperling is the Director of Federal Legislative Advocacy for NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. In this position, he leads NAMI's legislative advocacy initiatives in Congress and before federal agencies. Mr. Sperling works on issues affecting the mental health community with a focus on improving the lives of people with severe mental illnesses.

Since 1994, Mr. Sperling has also served as Co-Chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Housing Task Force.

Prior to joining NAMI, Mr. Sperling held the position of deputy director of government relations for the National Community Mental Healthcare Council and was a legislative assistant for U.S. Representative Dick Swett (D-NH).

Mr. Sperling earned his BA from Tulane University. After graduating from Tulane, Sperling attended George Washington University where he received a Masters of Arts, and in 1992, he earned a law degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center.