

Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) Advisory Council Members

As of October 2021

NUMBER OF SLOTS	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
4	Primary Care <i>(Minimum of Three from MDPCP)</i>	Kenneth Buczynski , Wellspring Family Medicine Nkem Okeke , Medicalincs Michael Riebman , Maryland Primary Care Cathy Chapman , Chapman and Associates Health Care
1	Maryland Hospital Association (MHA)	Bob Atlas , MHA
2	Health Systems	Scott Berkowitz , Johns Hopkins
1	Care Transformation Organizations	Gene Ransom , MedChi
3	Expertise in Advanced Primary Care and CPC+	Debora Kuchka-Craig , MedStar Health Michael Barr , MEDIS, LLC Robert Berenson , The Urban Institute
2	Private Payers	Stacia Cohen , CareFirst Mai Pham , Anthem
1	Medicaid Managed Care Organization	Kathleen Loughran , AmeriGroup
1	Medicaid Advisory Committee	Scott Rose , Sheppard Pratt Health System
2	Medicare Beneficiary	Kevin Hayes , Consultant Allan Field , Retired Health Care Executive/Consultant
1	Medicaid	Steven Schuh
1	Maryland Health Care Commission	Ben Steffen
1	Health Services Cost Review Commission	Willem Daniel
1	Maryland Department of Health Program Management Office	Howard Haft

Biographies

Bob Atlas, MBA – MHA Representative

Mr. Atlas joined the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) as President and CEO in 2018. Before coming to MHA, Mr. Atlas was President of the Health Care Consultancy at EBG Advisors. Prior to that, Mr. Atlas served as an independent advisor on Medicaid reform to North Carolina's Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Michael Barr, MD, MBA, MACP, FRCP – National Primary Care Expert

Dr. Barr is a board-certified internist and President of MEDIS, LLC, a health care consulting company. Previously, he served as the Executive Vice President of the Quality Measurement & Research Group at the National Committee for Quality Assurance and as Senior Vice President at the American College of Physicians. His work involves promoting person-centered care through health system and practice transformation, quality improvement, and readiness for value-based payment models. Dr. Barr has also served as a Commissioner for MHCC.

Robert Berenson, MD, FACP – National Primary Care Expert

Dr. Berenson is an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute and a board-certified internist with more than 20 years of experience. Dr. Berenson was previously Director of the Center for Health Plans and Providers at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. He also served as Vice Chair of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Scott Berkowitz, MD, MBA – Health System CTO Representative

Dr. Berkowitz is an Associate Professor of Cardiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and Executive Director of both the Johns Hopkins Medicine Accountable Care Organization and Care Transformation Organization (CTO) under the MDPCP. Dr. Berkowitz's work and research is focused on advancing efforts in care delivery transformation and population health.

Kenneth Buczynski, MD – Primary Care Representative

Dr. Buczynski has been practicing family medicine for over 15 years in Oakland, Maryland and the surrounding West Virginia region. He is the founder of Wellspring Family Medicine and a board-certified family physician.

Cathy Chapman, CRNP, RN – Primary Care Representative

Ms. Chapman has been a nurse since 1979, a nurse practitioner (NP) since 1995, and she is also trained as a nurse therapist. Ms. Chapman's nursing experience includes intensive care, home health, hospice, and sexual assault forensic examination. Ms. Chapman is certified as a family primary care NP as well as a family psych-mental health NP.

Stacia Cohen, RN, MBA – Private Payer Representative

Ms. Cohen is the Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield. Ms. Cohen oversees CareFirst's Patient-Centered Medical Home and Total Care and Cost Improvement programs, medical and care coordination policies, pharmacy policies, and provider networks. Prior to joining CareFirst, Ms. Cohen was Vice President of Medicare for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Allan Field, LFACHE – Medicare Beneficiary Representative

Mr. Field is a Life Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and has over 50 years of experience in health care and more than 40 years of experience as a health care

executive. Prior to his retirement in 2019, he served as the Executive Consultant for Glenridge Healthcare Solutions in Columbia where he implemented clinical integration, accountable care organization, health system and physician integration strategies to support his clients. Mr. Field is currently an advisor for Avixena Population Health Solutions, a cloud-based platform that enables health care stakeholders to assess patient risk to prevent readmissions and improve the quality of care.

Kevin Hayes, PhD – Medicare Beneficiary Representative

Dr. Hayes is a consultant for the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) where he previously worked for 18 years analyzing Medicare payments for physician services. Dr. Hayes has also served as an analyst for the Physician Payment Review Commission, and as a health planner for the Veterans Administration (now the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) and the Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency.

Debora Kuchka-Craig, MS, FHFMA – Health Plan Expert

Ms. Kuchka-Craig is the Senior Vice President of Managed Care for MedStar Health, and serves as an appointee on the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Board. She has nearly 30 years of health care industry experience and has served as both provider and payer. Ms. Kuchka-Craig previously directed provider network functions for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maryland (now CareFirst). Prior to that, she served as national chair of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and chair of the National Board of Examiners.

Kathleen Loughran – MCO Representative

Ms. Loughran is the Vice President of Government Relations for Amerigroup. She has over 28 years of experience advising government and for-profit organizations on health care issues in commercial and Medicaid markets. Prior to joining Amerigroup, Ms. Loughran was Associate Commissioner of Policy and Government Affairs at the Maryland Insurance Administration.

Nkem Okeke, MD, MPH, MBA, MSPM – Primary Care Representative

Dr. Nkem Okeke is the CEO and President of Medicalincs LLC. Dr. Okeke has extensive experience in the health care industry as a primary care physician and in care delivery transformation, health care system operations, management consulting, program management and business development. Dr. Okeke has also led population health initiatives at Johns Hopkins Healthcare and telemedicine services operations, and capital and quality improvement projects at Kaiser Permanente.

Mai Pham, MD – Private Payer Representative

Dr. Pham serves as Vice President, Provider Alignment Solutions at Anthem Inc. She is responsible for developing and refining Anthem's provider payment models. Prior to joining Anthem, Dr. Pham was a founding official and Chief Innovation Officer at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, where she was responsible for implementation of the alternative payment model provisions of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act and other multi-organizational initiatives.

Gene Ransom III, JD – Non-Health System CTO Representative

Mr. Ransom III is the current CEO of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. Mr. Ransom served in numerous leadership positions during his career, including local and State appointments to Boards and Commissions. Mr. Ransom has a background in management, economics, health policy, health law and civil litigation.

Michael Riebman, MD – MDPCP Physician Representative

Dr. Riebman is a founding member and current President of the Maryland Primary Care Physicians, LLC. Dr. Riebman has over two decades of experience in primary care and is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Scott Rose, JD – Medicaid Dual Program Representative

Mr. Rose is the Chief of Rehabilitation and Recovery Services for Sheppard Pratt Health System. Mr. Rose has substantial expertise in managing behavioral health organizations that provide mental health, substance use, special education, developmental disability, and social services to adults and children.

Steven Schuh, MBA, MS – Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing and Medicaid

Mr. Schuh is the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing and Medicaid for the Maryland Department of Health. Before becoming Deputy Secretary, he was Executive Director of Maryland's Opioid Operational Command Center. Previously, he served as Anne Arundel County Executive and as a Managing Director of two multinational financial-services firms, where he specialized in healthcare corporate finance.