



## Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) Advisory Council Members

*As of September 2024*

<b>NUMBER OF SLOTS</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</b>	<b>MEMBERS (Term Date)</b>
5	Primary Care Physician <i>(Minimum of three from MDPCP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Kenneth Buczynski</a>, Wellspring Family Medicine (7/25)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Nkem Okeke</a>, Medicalincs LLC (7/25)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Michael Riebman</a>, Maryland Primary Care Physicians, LLC (7/25)</li> <li>• <a href="#">James Trumble</a>, TidalHealth (7/26)</li> <li>• Vacant</li> </ul>
5	MDPCP Primary Care Practice Staff/Leaders <i>(Non-physician)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Claudia Cicchetti</a>, Annapolis Internal Medicine (04/26)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Carlene James</a>, Southern Maryland Medical Group (04/26)</li> <li>• <a href="#">John Lease</a>, Calvert Internal Medicine Group (04/26)</li> <li>• Vacant</li> <li>• Vacant</li> </ul>
2	Medical Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Nora Hoban</a>, Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers (04/26)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Gene Ransom</a>, MedChi CTO (7/26)</li> </ul>
1	Maryland Hospital Association (MHA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacant</li> </ul>
2	Health Systems (Participating in MDPCP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Scott Berkowitz</a>, Johns Hopkins (7/25)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Peter LoPresti</a>, University of Maryland Medical Systems (7/26)</li> </ul>
3	Expertise in Advanced Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Debora Kuchka-Craig</a>, MedStar Health (7/26)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Michael Barr</a>, MEDIS, LLC (7/25)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Robert Berenson</a>, Urban Institute (7/25)</li> </ul>
1	MDPCP Aligned Payers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Brian Wheeler</a>, CareFirst (2/26)</li> </ul>
1	Medicaid Managed Care Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Kathleen Loughran</a>, AmeriGroup (7/26)</li> </ul>

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1	Medicaid Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Scott Rose</a>, Sheppard Pratt Health System (7/27)</li> </ul>
2	Medicare (1) and Medicaid (1) Beneficiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Kevin Hayes</a>, Consultant (7/26)</li> <li>• Vacant</li> </ul>
1	Medicaid	Tricia Roddy
1	Maryland Health Care Commission	Ben Steffen
1	Health Services Cost Review Commission	Christa Speicher
1	Maryland Department of Health Program Management Office	Chad Perman

## Member Biographies

### **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. 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 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 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 – MDPCP Physician 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.

**Claudia Cicchetti – MDPCP Practice Staff Representative**

Ms. Cicchetti is a Quality Care Coordinator for Annapolis Internal Medicine. She is responsible for coordinating processes to ensure gap closures and follow-up for patient care, especially for our high-risk patients. She worked in health care administrative functions for over 30 years, serving as the Office Manager, IT Lead, and Quality Care Manager. Ms. Cicchetti has performed duties in many specialties including primary care, cardiology, orthopedics, and mental health.

**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 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.

**Nora Hoban, MPA – Medical Society Representative**

Ms. Hoban is the Chief Executive Officer of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers. She has 13 years of executive management experience and more than 28 years of experience in policy analysis, program evaluation, project management, and study design. Ms. Hoban previously held positions as a Senior Vice President at Avalere Health and the Maryland Hospital Association.

**Carlene James, SW – MDPCP Practice Staff Representative**

Ms. James is a social worker with Southern Maryland Medical Group. She has 26 years of experience in health care. Ms. James specializes in offering holistic assistance to patients navigating complex medical conditions, chronic illnesses, and end-of-life care.

**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.

**John Lease, MS – MDPCP Practice Staff Representative**

Mr. Lease is the Executive Director of Calvert Internal Medical Group. He has over 17 years of practice administration experience. Mr. Lease currently leads administrative functions and clinical operations for a 35-provider independent multi-specialty group serving 32,000 primary and specialty care patients across six locations.

**Peter LoPresti, DO, FACP, CMD – Health Systems Representative**

Dr. LoPresti is the Medical Director for the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) Population Health Services Organization. Dr. LoPresti has over 30 years of experience as a primary care physician and is a board-certified internist and Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Previously, he served as Assistant Medical Director at UMMS.

**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 Physician Representative**

Dr. Nkem Okeke is the CEO and President of Medicalincs LLC. She 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 also led population health initiatives at Johns Hopkins Healthcare and telemedicine services operations, and capital and quality improvement projects at Kaiser Permanente.

**Gene Ransom III, JD – Medical Society Representative**

Mr. Ransom III is the current CEO of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. He 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. He 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.

**James Trumble, MD, MBA – MDPCP Physician Representative**

Dr. Trumble is the Vice President for Clinical Integration at TidalHealth and is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He has over 20 years of leadership experience in health care as a senior physician executive in the areas of clinical integration, utilization, quality management, performance improvement, physician education, community health, and the continuum of care.

**Brian Wheeler, BBA – Aligned Payer Representative**

Mr. Wheeler is the Executive Vice President of Health Services for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield. Leading the company's Health Services division includes oversight of the company's long-standing Patient Centered Medical Home program as well as newer value-based payment models. Mr. Wheeler has over 30 years of experience in the health care sector serving in various leadership roles. Mr. Wheeler previously served as a board member for FIGmd, Inc., the clinical data and quality firm.