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Career Highlights

- Led a Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) to become the best performing Medicaid health plan in the state, serving eight Colorado counties and over 300,000 Coloradans
- Served as the Vice President of Medicaid Programs at a Denver-based, mid-sized private sector company owned and operated by independent primary care physicians
- Managed a staff of over 100 employees and a \$24M budget
- Served as part of the management team at the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)
- Designed and implemented Colorado's Medicaid expansion, payment reform, Medicare-Medicaid program, State Innovation Model, Project ECHO, as well as other innovations
- Represented the nation's hospitals and partnered with the Obama Administration, the United States Congress and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to enact the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Assisted CMS in the implementation of several health care reforms including accountable care organizations, bundled payments, health information technology, and measures to prevent fraud, waste and abuse, etc.
- Served in Governor Napolitano's Administration as part of the Medicaid leadership team and worked across the aisle with the Republican-led Legislature
- Recognized nationwide and locally as a champion for low-income populations and a reliable partner to lawmakers, stakeholders, and regulators

Career History

Founder & Principal, Baskett, LLC

June 2018-Present

Baskett provides clients with customized consulting services around leadership, innovation and community. Clients of Baskett include Medicaid departments, trade associations, providers, private foundations, and non-profit organizations. Clients benefit from Elizabeth's long track record of success in leading organizations, developing innovative public policy and partnering with the community.

Vice President of Medicaid Programs, Physician Health Partners (PHP)

Executive Director, Colorado Community Health Alliance (CCHA)

October 2015 – June 2018

- Served as the appointed leader of CCHA, a Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) responsible for over 300,000 Medicaid members living in eight urban and rural counties of Colorado. The company is a partnership between PHP, Centura Health System, Primary Physician Partners, and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.
 - Accountable for all aspects of the RAE, including strategic direction & innovation; member and provider services; finance and overall health plan operations.
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- Implemented operational efficiencies; employed new innovations such as physician payment reform, digital health solutions and school-based health programs; and improved relationships between CCHA, HCPF and the stakeholder community.
- Led CCHA to become the highest performing Medicaid health plan in the state.
- Submitted a winning proposal to keep CCHA's geographic region and expand the plan to Colorado Springs, doubling the number of Medicaid members served.

Manager, Program Innovations Section, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
March 2013 – October 2015

- Led the Program Innovations team in designing and implementing all aspects of Colorado's Medicaid reform.
- Served as an expert on Medicaid innovations to the health care delivery system (the Accountable Care Collaborative), including primary care and care coordination; integrating public health, behavioral health and social services; telehealth, member engagement, payment and quality reform; provider accountability and alignment with other health care payers.
- Collaborated with Department leadership on complex operational aspects of new programs and policies, including budget, actuarial analysis, quality measurement, systems, data analysis, enrollment and provider and client outreach.
- Worked closely with external stakeholders including clients, advocates, providers, payers, and the federal government. Facilitated numerous stakeholder meetings and committees.
- Managed contracts and program budgets of over \$11M and eleven employees.

Professional Sabbatical

June 2012 – March 2013

Traveled to twelve countries in Latin America. Studied Spanish, volunteered in local villages, and immersed in Latin American communities.

Senior Associate Director of Policy, American Hospital Association (AHA)

October 2009 – June 2012

- Assumed a leadership role in high priority policy issues affecting hospitals and post-acute care to develop, advocate and articulate policy positions that enabled the AHA to have a positive impact on the political and policy environment facing its members.
- Assessed the impact of legislative and regulatory proposals on hospitals and produced issue and option analysis in oral and written formats.
- Managed over \$400,000 in research projects across the continuum of care from the development of the request for proposal to oversight of the contractor and the public dissemination of the final product.
- Developed and maintained excellent relationships with staff, members, lawmakers, external organizations, federal agencies, and other organizations interested in healthcare related issues.

Director, Government Affairs & Policy, Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association

December 2006 – October 2009

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- Managed the association's state legislative advocacy affairs by researching, analyzing, and monitoring legislation; lobbying state lawmakers, legislative staff and other policymakers; and testifying at legislative hearings.
- Identified key issues and strategies for the association's advocacy agenda by collecting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data regarding issues affecting hospitals and the State's health care system, including the State's Medicaid program.
- Drafted legislation, amendments, and policy briefs, and prepared correspondence to legislators on issues affecting hospitals.
- Assisted in coordinating the association's press strategy to influence the legislative process. Drafted press releases and provided radio, television, and print interviews.
- Managed a joint state and federal political action committee; filed state and federal campaign reports.

Additional Career History:

- Chief Legislative Liaison, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
November 2005—December 2006
- Legislative Research Analyst, Health Committee, Arizona House of Representatives
December 2002 – November 2005
- Research Intern/Research Assistant, Human Services, Arizona State Senate
January 2002 – December 2002

Education

Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

Master's in Public Administration

University Of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Fun Facts about Elizabeth

- Fluent Spanish speaker
 - Proud daughter of a single parent household; raised in the Latino pueblos of Tucson, Arizona
 - Lived in Mexico and Spain; traveled to nearly 30 countries
 - Budding mandolin player
 - Triathlete; yoga and meditation enthusiast
 - Avid volunteer
 - Board member
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