

Impact of Rising Drug Costs on Public and Private Payers

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Speaker Biographies

Jennifer Kent, Director, Department of Health Care Services

Governor Jerry Brown appointed Jennifer Kent as Director of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on January 26, 2015. Director Kent oversees a staff of 3,700 individuals responsible for the operation of the Medi-Cal program, the state's Medicaid program. DHCS manages the spending of more than \$93 billion in public funds annually that support the health of more than 13.5 million Californians. Kent's previous California government service includes leadership roles in legislative, intergovernmental, financial, and health policy areas within the Office of the Governor, the Health and Human Services Agency, and at DHCS.

Kent earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government/History at Saint Mary's College of California, and received a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

Kathleen Donneson, Chief, Health Plan Administration Division, California Public Employees' Retirement System

Dr. Kathleen Donneson directs procurements and negotiates \$10 billion in contracts for nine PPO and HMO health plans, Pharmacy Benefit Management, and Long-Term Care plans. Dr. Donneson also oversees clinical services, appeals, and manages invoice and payments for \$8 billion in PPO and HMO funded services.

She holds a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Master of Public Administration/Health Services Administration from the University of San Francisco, and a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Davis.

Richard KP Sun, MD, MPH, Medical Consultant II, Health Plan Administration Division, California Public Employees' Retirement System

Dr. Richard Sun is a medical consultant with the Health Plan Administration Division, which is responsible for purchasing health benefits for more than 1.4 million active and retired state and local government public employees and their family members enrolled in CalPERS. Previously, Dr. Sun held the same position with the Medi-Cal Managed Care Division of the Department of Health Care Services, as chief of the HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch of the California Department of Public Health, and in the area of bioterrorism in the Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office.

Dr. Sun received his Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley and went on to earn an MD at UC San Francisco. After internship, he spent two years at the Centers for Disease Control as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. He is board-certified in Public Health & General Preventive Medicine.

Ben Johnson, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office

Ben Johnson is a Fiscal and Policy Analyst at California's Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), where he provides oversight of state health and human services programs. In 2016, Ben took the lead in analyzing the fiscal and programmatic effects that Proposition 61, the Drug Price Relief Act, would have on California. Before joining the LAO, Ben attended the University of Michigan, where he received his Master of Public Policy and conducted research on the financial regulation of U.S. housing markets and the effect of income and benefits policy on population health. Ben interned at the Urban Institute in Washington D.C. and, prior to graduate school, worked in the areas of immigration law and social services. Ben received a bachelor degree in Law and Politics from Drake University.

Amy Gutierrez, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

Dr. Amy Gutierrez was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the California State Board of Pharmacy in 2012 and reappointed in 2014. Dr. Gutierrez is chief pharmacy officer and director of pharmacy at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Amy served as a leadership advisor at the California HealthCare Foundation's Health Leadership Fellowship Program. She has been an adjunct professor of clinical pharmacy at the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy, and an adjunct professor of pharmacy at Western University College of Pharmacy since 2010. Dr. Gutierrez earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy.

Scott Evans, PharmD, MHA, CEO, Sharp Grossmont Hospital and Head of Sharp System Pharmacy

Scott Evans is the senior vice president and CEO for Sharp Grossmont Hospital and also oversees Sharp's pharmacy services across the system. Evans joined Sharp HealthCare in 2015. Prior to joining Sharp, he served as the chief executive officer of Keck Hospital of USC and USC Norris Cancer Hospital. He also holds an appointment as associate dean for academic medical center programs in the USC School of Pharmacy.

Evans obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the USC School of Pharmacy with postgraduate residency training at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the USC School of Pharmacy. He also holds a Master of Health Administration from the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, and he is currently pursuing a doctorate in education with an emphasis in organizational leadership from Pepperdine University.

Dr. Ambrose Carrejo, PharmD, National Pharmaceutical Contracting Leader, Kaiser Permanente

Dr. Ambrose Carrejo, PharmD, is the National Pharmaceutical Contracting Leader, where he is responsible for the contracting of all pharmaceutical purchases for the entire Kaiser Permanente program. Previous positions with Kaiser include Assistant Director of Pharmaceutical Contracting, Drug Use Manager for Northern California where he provided oversight and leadership for the Drug Education Coordinators of Northern California, and Clinical Operations Manager where he had oversight of the drug use management efforts and the ambulatory clinic pharmacists.

Dr. Carrejo received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California at San Francisco's School of Pharmacy and completed his clinical residency at Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

Mario Yedidia, Senior Analyst, Research Department, UNITE HERE International Union

Mario Yedidia is a Senior Research Analyst with UNITE HERE, a labor union that represents 270,000 people in the U.S. and Canada who work in the hotel, gaming, food service, manufacturing, textile, distribution, laundry, transportation, and airport industries. By way of their health and welfare trust funds and collective bargaining agreements, UNITE HERE members are major payers of health care services. In recent years, the union and its largest health and welfare trust fund, UNITE HERE Health, have garnered national attention for a number of health care delivery innovations, especially vis-a-vis pharmacy, that have helped make UNITE HERE members among the most sophisticated payers in the country — including the on-site Culinary Pharmacy on the Las Vegas Strip and the advent of an in-house Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Hospitality Rx.

Mark Herbert, California Director, Small Business Majority

Mark Herbert directs Small Business Majority's operations throughout California. As California Director, he works with the state outreach team to build relationships with business organizations and small business owners and directs Small Business Majority's policy work by representing the voice of small business owners among policymakers in Sacramento.

Previously, Mark worked for state and federal lawmakers where he directed business operations and built relationships with small business owners and key stakeholders as they pertained to public policy issues. An entrepreneur himself, Mark runs a small consulting business specializing in volunteer management and organizational capacity building.

Nicholas Louizos, Vice President, Legislative Affairs, California Association of Health Plans

Nicholas Louizos joined the California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) as a legislative advocate in May of 2006 and represents the Association and its member plans in the California Legislature.

Mr. Louizos came to CAHP with nearly 10 years of legislative experience, most recently serving as Senior Consultant for the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, where he worked on health and labor issues. Prior to this position, he served as consultant to the Assembly Labor Committee. As the leader of Legislative Affairs his primary responsibility with CAHP is to advocate for the value of managed care in providing affordable health care to as many Californians as possible.

Mr. Louizos graduated from the California State University, Los Angeles with a Bachelors degree in Political Science. He later earned his Master in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

Jeffrey S. Hoch, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences University of California at Davis; Associate Director of the Center for Healthcare Research and Policy, University of California at Davis.

Professor Hoch teaches courses in health economics and cost-effectiveness analysis and is involved in research projects involving methods for studying and improving value in healthcare.

After receiving a Ph.D. in health economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Professor Hoch spent 10 years running academic consulting organizations specializing in health economics research, education and consulting. He has written more than 140 peer-reviewed articles and has made more than 200 invited presentations in 15 countries.

Kristin Manzolillo, Senior Director, Global Policy, Pfizer, Inc.

Kristin Manzolillo is a Senior Director within Pfizer's Global Policy organization. In this role, she analyzes how changes in U.S. health policy impact Pfizer, patients, providers and other stakeholders. Her work focuses on patient access issues, state health care policy, and vaccines. Kristin has over 10 years of experience across the health care industry, including working with health care payers and large employers. She received her Master of Public Health degree from Tufts University. Outside of Pfizer, Kristin volunteers as a Board member for a network of 11 federally qualified health centers operating throughout New York City.

John D. Jones, R. Ph., J.D., FAMCP, Member, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association

John Jones is an expert on managed care pharmacy practice, law and policy. Until recently, he served as the Senior Vice President of Professional Practice and Pharmacy Policy at OptumRx, a UnitedHealth Group Company, in Irvine, California. He helped OptumRx grow to 65 million covered lives during his 21 years of service.

John is licensed as both a pharmacist and an attorney. He has broad experience with over forty years of pharmacy practice ranging from chain and independent community pharmacy to hospital, home infusion and managed care pharmacy. John teaches Law and Ethics at the University of California at San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

John is a native of Idaho and graduated from Idaho State University with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. He earned his law degree from the University of San Francisco.