



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure

Key Health Policy Experience

Ways and Means

Brooks-LaSure assisted House leaders in passing several healthcare laws, including the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, as part of the staff for the U.S. House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee.

Affordable Care Act

Brooks-LaSure served in the Obama administration as a senior CMS official who helped implement the Affordable Care Act's coverage expansion and insurance-market overhaul. She also previously worked on Capitol Hill for the House Ways and Means Committee, building ties with then-Rep. Xavier Becerra, who is now the Health and Human Services Secretary.

Office of Management and Budget

Brooks-LaSure served as a program examiner and lead Medicaid Analyst, coordinating Medicaid policy development for the health financing branch. In this positions, she evaluated policy options and briefed the White House and federal agency officials on policy recommendations around the uninsured, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Notable Health Policy Positions

- Strongly supports ACA - Improved Access, Quality and Efficiency
- Supportive of Health Equity
- Supportive of State Medicaid Expansion and Medicare & Medicaid Buy-In Options
- Supportive of Increase Health Care Cost Transparency and Banning Surprise Billing
- Advocates for State-level Taxes on Health Insurance

Unknown Positions

- Permanent Telehealth Expansions / Flexibilities
- Drug Pricing and Rebate Rule
- Value-Based Arrangements

Professional Highlights

- Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLC - Managing Director (2016-2021)
- FAIRHealth - Board Member (current)
- Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Advisory Council - Council Member (current)
- Breakaway Policy Strategies - Senior Policy Advisor (2014-2015)
- CMS Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight - Deputy Director of Policy and Regulation (2012-2014)
- HHS Office of Health Reform - Director of Coverage Policy (2010-2012)
- Ways and Means - Professional Staff (2007-2010)
- Avalere Health - Director (2003-2007)
- White House Office of Management and Budget - Program Examiner (1999-2003)

Education

- Georgetown (1999) - Masters of Public Policy
- Princeton University (1996) - Bachelor of Arts Politics

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CMS is one of the largest departments under the Health and Human Services (HHS) agency. The CMS Administrator is nominated by the President and is a position that requires Senate confirmation. CMS oversees government health insurance programs covering more than one out of three Americans and is a vital foundation of the health care system. Under the CMS umbrella are centers for Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Services, Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), and Clinical Standards and Quality.

Brooks-LaSure is the first black woman to head the \$1 trillion agency, holding the second most powerful agency role, after the role of HHS Secretary.