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David has been employed in the Connecticut Medicaid program for since March, 1987. During that time has served as a Policy Analyst, a Manager, a Deputy Director, a Policy Director and an Acting Deputy Commissioner. He has been in his current position as the Director of Medical Care Administration since February, 1997.

During his service with the Medicaid program, David has been responsible for a number of different areas including Medical Policy, MMIS, and TPL. He led the development of the states hospital disproportionate share program (DSH), targeted case management (TCM), and other revenue maximization initiatives. He developed the Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance and the AIDS Insurance Assistance Programs. In 1995 he led the development and implementation of the Connecticut Access Medicaid Managed Care Program, now known as HUSKY Part A. David was a key participant in the design on Connecticut's HUSKY Plan for uninsured children under Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

David is a 1972 graduate of Yale University and completed graduate study in anthropology at the University of Oregon and the University of Connecticut. During his doctoral program David spent four field seasons in Peru working with a health development project sponsored by the United Nations and the Wenner Grenn Foundation for Scientific Research. He is committed to expanding access for the uninsured and improving the health status of low income and minority populations, including Native Americans. Prior to coming to the Medicaid program David served as the Health Director for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation.

David is the former Chairman of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD). In that capacity he has served on numerous national health policy forums, including the National Governor's Association Task Force that reviewed President Bush's proposal for Medicaid Reform in 2003. He is currently acting chair of the Executive Committee for NASMD.