

John Folkemer has been Maryland State Medicaid Director and Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene since April, 2007, a position he also held from 2003 to 2005. From 2005 to 2006 he was Director of the Division of Benefits, Eligibility and Managed Care at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and from 2006 to 2007 he was a vice president at The Lewin Group, a health and human services consulting firm. Prior to 2003 he held numerous other positions in the Maryland Medicaid program, most recently as Executive Director in charge of planning, policy analysis, program development, budget, and finance. Mr. Folkemer had major responsibilities for the implementation of several waivers and demonstrations, including Maryland's section 1115 Medicaid managed care reform demonstration (HealthChoice), under which 80 percent of the Medicaid population is enrolled in managed care organizations. He had primary responsibility for developing what is one of the most sophisticated risk-adjusted Medicaid capitation rate methodologies in the country. He also oversaw a comprehensive evaluation of the HealthChoice program. Mr. Folkemer has given numerous presentations to State and national audiences on managed care and other Medicaid-related topics. He has an M.S.W. degree from the University of Maryland and an M.P.A. degree from the University of Baltimore.