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Deborah Bachrach has more than 20 years experience in health policy and financing in the public and private sectors. She currently serves as President of Bachrach Health Strategies LLC, a health care consulting firm that provides policy analysis and strategic guidance to government agencies, non-profit organizations, foundations, providers and health plans, assisting them in responding effectively to federal health reform and emerging trends in Medicaid. Ms. Bachrach serves on the Electronic Enrollment Standards Workgroup of the HHS HIT Policy & Standards Committee.

From 2007 to 2010, Ms. Bachrach served as New York's Medicaid Director and Deputy Commissioner of Health for the Office of Health Insurance Programs. In this position, she was responsible for coverage, care and payment policies for over 4 million children and adults enrolled in New York's Medicaid and Child Health Insurance Programs. Under her leadership, New York State expanded eligibility levels, streamlined coverage rules and reformed its payment policies. Ms. Bachrach also represented the Governor in national health reform discussions.

From 1992 through 2006, Ms. Bachrach was a partner at the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips where she co-chaired the Health Care Practice Group. She provided legislative, regulatory and strategic counsel to academic medical centers, safety net hospitals, community health centers, health plans and other health care companies.

Between 1987 and 1992, Ms. Bachrach served as Vice President, External Affairs at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. Before joining the Hospital, she served for four years as Chief Assistant Attorney General in the Office of NYS Attorney General Robert Abrams, where she oversaw the work of the Public Advocacy Division, and for three years as Chief of the Civil Rights Bureau.

Ms. Bachrach has published numerous articles and is a frequent speaker on the administration and effectiveness of Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Program. She graduated with honors from the NYU School of Law and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.