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PUERTO RICO Health & Insurance CONFERENCE 2015

**The 2015 Economy of Healthcare in Puerto Rico:
Defining Inverted Risks and Opportunities**

March 5, 2015 | The Condado Plaza Hilton

Registration: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. | Conference: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Networking Cocktail: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Message from your hosts:



Eng. José M. Izquierdo-Encarnación
President and Chairman of the Board
Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce



Mr. Roberto Pando, MS, JD
Chairman, PR Health & Insurance
Conference 2015

Insurance Executives, Entrepreneurs and Investors:

Acknowledging the crucial role of healthcare for the island's quality of life, jobs and socio-economic development, the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Medicaid and Medicare Advantage Products Association, the University of Miami School of Business Administration and El Nuevo Día to present the fourth edition of the ***Puerto Rico Health & Insurance Conference: "The 2015 Economy of Healthcare in Puerto Rico: Defining Inverted Risks and Opportunities"*** for the whole business and commercial community.

The Conference will provide a unique opportunity for the audience to understand the macro-economic scenario of the Puerto Rico Healthcare System and learn about the vision of the major managed care organizations and institutional providers in relation to particular challenges and opportunities of the system in the coming years considering Federal and Local health reforms. Today, our 2015 Conference will provide a timely and unparalleled opportunity for deep discussion on some of the most critical areas where business, government, public policy, and health care intersect.

Message from your hosts:



Mr. James P. O'Drobinak
CEO of MCS, Inc., President of the
Medicaid and Medicare Advantage
Products Association and
Co-Chair of the PR Health &
Insurance Conference 2015



Mr. William Toby Jr.
Former HCFA Administrator
Health Policy Consultant,
and Co-Chair of the
PR Health and Insurance
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We have prepared a robust agenda that will be delivered by a remarkable line-up of visionary speakers. Therefore, we hope that this edition of the ***Puerto Rico Health & Insurance Conference*** not only will educate our audience, but will also stimulate and energize our entrepreneurial spirit, optimism and confidence. Evolution is inevitable, and all components need to adapt, including patients, employers and consumers. The healthcare scenario in Puerto Rico needs more ACTION, with new interactions and integrations across the stakeholders that serve in the system. Healthcare is a platform where Puerto Rico needs to maximize opportunities and tackle challenges up front.

Congratulations for being part of one the most significant health insurance forum in our Island. This shows us your interest and responsibility.



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Schedule of Events

Ponce de León Foyer 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Registration

Ponce de León A 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Welcome Remarks

- **Mr. Roberto Pando, MS, JD**, Chairman
PR Health & Insurance Conference 2015
- **Mr. James P. O'Drobinak**, CEO of MCS, Inc.
President of the Medicaid and Medicare Advantage Products
Association (MMAA) and Co-Chair of the PR Health &
Insurance Conference 2015
- **Mrs. Jackie Cornell-Bechelli**, Regional Director
Region II - NY, NJ, PR, VI, U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
- **Eng. José M. Izquierdo-Encarnación**, President and
Chairman of the Board, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce

Ponce de León A 8:30 - 9:25 a.m.
Special Plenary Session

Presenting this session:

Mr. William Toby Jr., Former HCFA Administrator, Health
Policy Consultant, and Co-Chair of the PR Health and Insurance
Conference 2015

Invited Keynote Speaker:

- **Mr. James T. Kerr**, Administrator of the Consortium for
Medicare Health Plans Operations (CMHPO), CMS
- **Mrs. Jackie Cornell-Bechelli**, Region II Director
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Ponce de León A 9:25 - 10:40 a.m.
Plenary Session

**Effective Health Policy Efforts for Puerto Rico in Washington DC:
The Latest WHAT, HOW and NEXT STEPS**

Moderator: **Mr. Roberto Pando, MS, JD**, Chairman, PR Health
& Insurance Conference 2015

Invited Keynote Speaker:

- **Hon. Pedro R. Pierluisi**
Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner to the United States

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- **Mr. James P. O'Drobinak**, CEO of MCS, Inc. &
President of MMAA

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- **Dr. Richard Shinto**, CEO, MMM Healthcare, Inc.
- **Mr. Elliot Pacheco-Beauchamp**, President
Community Pharmacies Association of Puerto Rico
- **Mrs. Madeline Hernández-Urquiza**, President
Triple-S Advantage, Inc.
- **Dr. José Joaquín Vargas-De León**, President
Puerto Rico IPA Association

Ponce de León
Foyer

10:40 - 10:55 a.m.

Networking Coffee Break & Exhibits

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ponce de León A

10:55 - 11:55 a.m.

**The Phenomenon of Geographic Cost Indexes in Healthcare Pricing and Compensation Across the US
Is Puerto Rico Winning a Race to the Bottom?**

Moderator: Mr. Vicente Feliciano, Economist and President of
Advantage Business Consulting

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- **Dr. Steven G. Ullmann, PhD**, Professor and Director,
Programs in Health Sector Management and Policy, and
Special Assistant to the Provost, University of Miami
- **Dr. Mario Marazzi-Santiago**, Executive Director
Puerto Rico Statistical Institute
- **Mr. Jaime Plá-Cortez, Esq.**, Executive President
Puerto Rico Hospital Association
- **Dr. Víctor Ramos**, President, Puerto Rico Surgeons and
Physicians Association

Ponce de León C

10:55-11:55 a.m. - Ponce de León C

**Update on Information Technology, Management and Healthcare in
Puerto Rico: Support of \$200 million+**

Moderator: Mr. Antonio L. Fernández-Pereiro, Executive
Director, Regional Extension Center-PR

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- **Mr. Ricardo Rivera-Cardona**, Executive Director
PR Health Insurance Administration (ASES)
- **Dr. Wanda G. Vélez-Andujar**, President
Puerto Rico Medical Association
- **Mrs. Rosa M. Hernández, R.Ph.**, President
MC-21 Corporation

Schedule of Events

Royal Room 11:55 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ponce de León C 1:20-2:20 p.m.

Making National Health Policy in Congress and the Obama Administration – Current Winds, Priorities and What to Expect Next: CMS Moved to Value Payment System

Moderator: Mr. Javier Llano, Government Policy Consultant, National Health Advisors, Washington DC & The Oldaker Group

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- **Mr. Nicholas Uehlecke**, Senior Legislative Assistant, Republican House Ways and Means Committee
- **Mr. John Laufer**, Legislative Director
Hon. Pedro R. Pierluisi, US House of Representatives
- **Ms. Melanie Anne Egorin**, Senior Legislative Advisor
Democratic House Ways and Means Committee
- **Mr. Thomas E. Hutchinson**, Former Director of Medicare Payment Part C and D at CMS

Ponce de León A 1:20 - 2:20 p.m.

Paying for Quality and Integration, and Getting Federal Grants

Moderator: Mrs. María Fernanda Levis, MPH, MPA
CEO, Impactivo Consulting

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- **Dr. Roberto Ramírez**, Professor of Health Policy
School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico
- **Mrs. Gloria del C. Amador, DrPH(c), MHSA**, CEO
Salud Integral en la Montaña, Inc. & President of the PR
Primary Care Association Public Policy Committee
- **Dr. Inés Hernández, DABFM**, Chief Medical Officer
MCS, Inc.
- **Mr. Orlando González, Esq., CPA**
President, MMM & PMC

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ponce de León A

2:20 -3:20 p.m.

Recent Healthcare Legislation and Regulation in Puerto Rico, and its Economic Implications

Moderator: Mr. Luis Pizarro, Esq., LLM, PR Chamber of Commerce Health Committee Member

Invited Keynote Speaker:

- Mrs. Angela Weyne-Roig, Esq., Commissioner of Insurance for Puerto Rico

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- Mrs. Iraelia Pernas, Esq. Executive Director
PR Insurance Companies Association (ACODESE)
- Mr. Eduardo Zetina, Principal
Qinetix Group
- Mrs. Adriana Ramírez, Esq., General Counsel
AVP Corporate, Quality and Regulatory Affairs
Abarca Health, LLC

Ponce de León C

2:20 - 3:20 p.m.

Migration of Health Professionals and Residency Programs in Puerto Rico

Moderator: Mr. Guido E. Lugo-Modesto, MHSA, CMCM, CEO Managed Care Management and Educational, LLC

Discussion Panel and Invited Panelists:

- Dr. Noel J. Aymat-Santana, Chancellor, Science Campus, University of Puerto Rico
- Dr. David Lenihan, President
Ponce Health Sciences University
- Dr. José Ginel Rodríguez, President and Dean of Medicine
Universidad Central del Caribe
- Dr. Natalio Izquierdo, Former President
Puerto Rico Medical Association

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Ponce de León A 3:25 - 4:45 p.m.

Special Plenary Session

Presenter:

Mr. Ricardo Rivera-Cardona, Executive Director, PR Health Insurance Administration (ASES)

Invited Keynote Speakers:

- **Mr. Michael Meléndez**, CMS NYRO Associate Regional Administrator, Medicaid, SCHIP
- **Mr. Reginald Slaten**, CMS NYRO Associate Regional Administrator for Medicare Health Plans

Ponce de León A 4:45-5:00 p.m.

Plenary Session

Closing Remarks

- **Mr. Roberto Pando, MS, JD**, Chairman
PR Health & Insurance Conference 2015
- **Eng. José M. Izquierdo-Encarnación**, President and
Chairman of the Board, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce

Ponce de León 5:00-7:00 p.m.

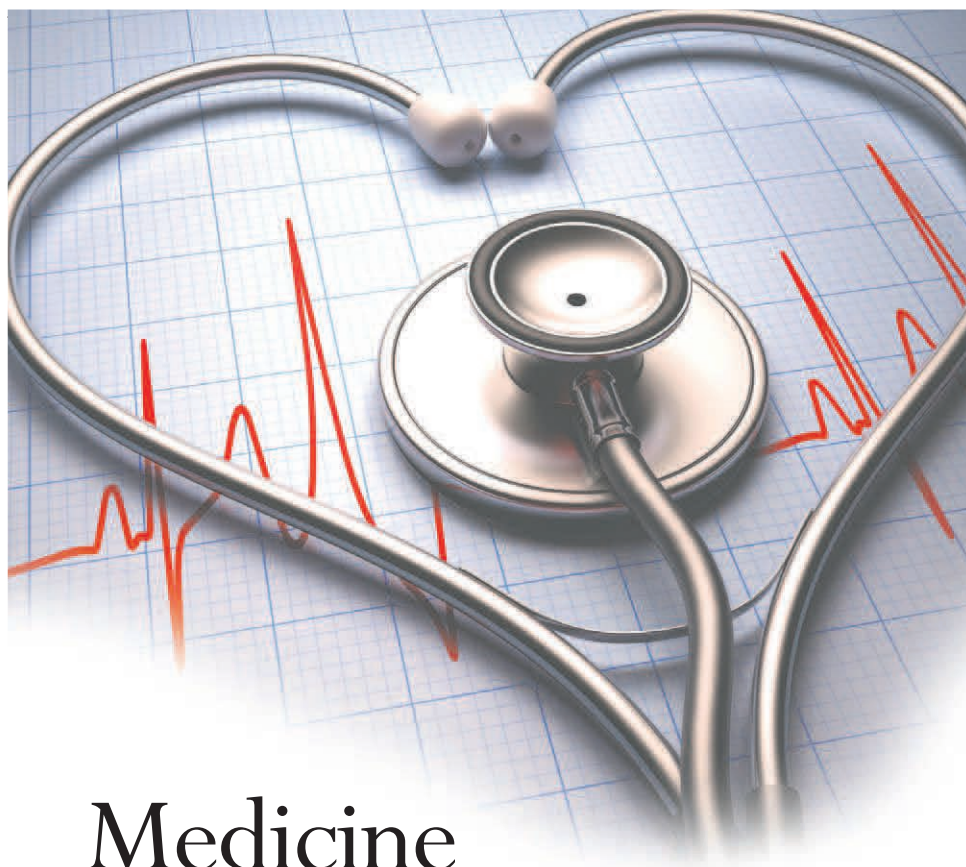
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Our Speakers



Mr. William Toby Jr.

Former HCFA Administrator, Health Policy Consultant, and Co-Chair of the PR Health and Insurance Conference 2015

William Toby, Jr. is a 31-year veteran of the Federal Government of Health & Human Services and has been a private healthcare consultant since retiring from his position as Regional Administrator of the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), now the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

From 1992-1993, he served 18 months as Acting Administrator of HCFA in Washington, DC. Mr. Toby has served on many public service boards, been the recipient of many prestigious awards, and holds a Master's Degree in health administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a Master's Degree in Social Work from Adelphi University, a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Psychology from West Virginia State University, an honorable doctorate in podiatric medicine, and holds advanced certificates in Spanish from the Universities of Leon and Toledo in Spain. In 1991, at the recommendation of then Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, former President George H. Bush appointed Toby a U.S. Delegate to the first and historic African- African-American Summit, which was held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. In 2012, NY Governor Cuomo appointed Toby to the prestigious Medicaid Redesign Workgroup for a study of safety net hospitals in Brooklyn, NY. Later, in 2015, Governor Cuomo appointed Toby Co-Chair of the State's Medicaid Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) designed to use \$ 9 billion to transform the State's health care delivery system move away from the acute care system. Bill is a member of the prestigious Travelers' Century Club and has travelled to 139 countries.



Mr. James T. Kerr

Administrator of the Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations (CMHPO), CMS

Jim Kerr currently serves as the Administrator of the Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations, responsible for leading over 400 field staff in all 10 regional offices nationwide providing day to day account management to over 600 contracts with health insurance issuers delivering Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace Qualified Health Plan and Stand Alone Dental Plan services to more than 40 million consumers throughout the country, as well as performing outreach and resolving beneficiary and consumer casework. Mr. Kerr was formerly the Administrator for CMS Region II, covering New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

Mr. Kerr has a Master of Science in Management and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also earned an MBA in Health Care Administration from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Baruch College. He received the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award in October 2007.

Our Speakers



Mrs. Jackie Cornell-Bechelli
Director Region II
US Department of Health and Human Services

On August 11, 2014, Jackie Cornell-Bechelli was appointed by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell as the regional director of HHS Region II, which includes the States of New York and New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As regional director, Jackie will serve as a key representative of Secretary Burwell in working with federal, state, territorial, local, and tribal officials on health and social service issues, including implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Immediately prior to joining HHS, Jackie was director of outreach for Congressman Rush Holt (NJ-12). She also served as both the deputy field director in southeastern Pennsylvania, as well as the state director in New Jersey for President Obama's re-election campaign in 2012; and was named one of "50 Women Who Made the Election" by the Huffington Post. She has held leadership positions with New Jersey Citizen Action, Organizing for America, and Planned Parenthood, where she focused on coalition development and public engagement.

Cornell-Bechelli is the founder and immediate past board chair of the New Jersey chapter of the New Leaders Council, an entrepreneurial leadership program for rising young professionals. She currently serves as a mentor to students in the Women in Learning and Leadership Program at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

Cornell-Bechelli is a graduate of The College of New Jersey and lives in Ewing Township, New Jersey, with her husband and young son.



Mr. Roberto Pando, MS, JD
Chairman of the PR Health & Insurance
Conference 2015

Roberto Pando is the Chairman of the PR Health & Insurance Conference 2015 and Senior Vice President of Strategy, at Medical Card System, Inc. (MCS). In recent years, Roberto has been an active leader in the health policy discussion of Puerto Rico, and in the efforts of the healthcare community in Washington, DC to protect healthcare programs and funding to the island. He currently leads the Chamber of Commerce Health Committee and the MMAPA Policy Committee. Roberto joined the MCS team in 2004 as Medicare Compliance Officer, and since then has supported various areas of the company. During his career in MCS, the executive has successfully led the development of products and services for all healthcare segments, including Medicare, Medicaid and commercial.

From the beginning of his career, Roberto plunged into the various challenges of the healthcare system as he exerted functions as a consultant for the Federal District Court in several projects related to the Correctional Health System of Puerto Rico. He also served as Deputy Executive Director of Puerto Rico's Trade & Export Company, where he was in charge of several programs aimed at supporting the development of small businesses on the island, as well as their involvement in international trade.

He studied a BA in Economics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and later went to the London School of Economics for a Masters in Social Planning. He also holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Puerto Rico.

Our Speakers



Hon. Pedro R. Pierluisi

Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner to the United States

Pedro Pierluisi has been Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner in Washington since January 2009. A member of the Democratic Party, he is the sole representative in Congress of the nearly four million American citizens who reside on the Island. As a Member of Congress,

Pierluisi has compiled an impressive record of achievements on a broad range of issues. He is a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Natural Resources.

During his tenure, Congressman Pierluisi helped secure billions of dollars in federal grants and tax credits for Puerto Rico under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He subsequently worked to ensure that Puerto Rico and the other U.S. territories were treated fairly in the landmark health care bill known as the Affordable Care Act. Because of his efforts, the final bill tripled the federal Medicaid funds that Puerto Rico will receive over the next decade.

Congressman Pierluisi continues to undertake efforts to improve life for his constituents in the areas of job creation, economic development, education, health care, infrastructure, public safety and the fight against crime and drug trafficking.

Born in San Juan, Pierluisi is an attorney with more than two decades of legal experience in the public and private sector. He served as Attorney General of Puerto Rico between 1993 and 1996. He is a graduate of Tulane University and George Washington University Law School. Pierluisi is married to Maria-Elena Carrión and has four adult children and two grandchildren.



Mr. James P. O'Drobinak

Chief Executive Officer of MCS & President of MMAPA

After more than 15 years excelling in various C-level Health Care positions in the Florida state, Jim O'Drobinak arrived at Medical Card System, Inc. (MCS) in 2011 as Chief Executive Officer, and was named to the Company's Board of Directors in 2012. Also in 2012, O'Drobinak was appointed President of MMAPA, the Medicaid and Medicare Advantage

Product Association of Puerto Rico. As part of his responsibilities at MCS, O'Drobinak is in charge of overseeing the Human Resources, Legal, Finance, Operational and Corporate Communications areas. O'Drobinak's great leadership skills and expertise in reorganizing and energizing companies set the quality of his work apart. The combination of his skills with his vast experience in the Health field has allowed him to promote and develop improved corporate and operational structures in MCS. Structures that O'Drobinak believes will lead MCS to attain its vision of becoming "the Leader in the Puerto Rico Healthcare industry."

O'Drobinak previously excelled in companies such as Advantech, ABR Information Services and Epix Holdings, Inc., as well as starting his career with Deloitte + Touche. He was also a founding partner of Acclaris LLC and a member of its board of directors until its sale in 2010.

He graduated Cum Laude from the University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and is a Certified Public Accountant. Also, O'Drobinak is part of professional associations such as the University of South Florida School at Accountancy Advisory Council, the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Board of Directors and previously the Boy Scouts of America, among other institutions. He also supports the Nueva Escuela Juan Ponce de León, an innovative school in Guaynabo serving low income students. O'Drobinak and his wife, Liana, list their four children: Ryan, Katie, Eric and Michael as their greatest life accomplishments.

Our Speakers



Dr. Richard Allan Shinto, M.D.
CEO, MMM Healthcare, Inc.

Dr. Richard Shinto is the CEO for InnovaCare Health Solutions and MMM Holdings.

He was previously the Chief Executive Officer at North American Medical Management (NAMM). Prior to that position, he was Chief Operations Officer and Chief Medical Officer for Medical Pathways Management Company. After being Vice President of Medical Management for MedPartners from 1995 to 1997, he became the Chief Medical Officer for Cal Optima Health Plan, in California.

He practiced Pulmonary and Internal Medicine in California.

His various honors include the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® for New Jersey and Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Minority Health Care Executives.



Mr. Elliot Pacheco Beauchamp
President, PR Community Pharmacy Association

Elliot Pacheco Beauchamp is a BA Finance graduate from the University of Puerto Rico. Since 2006, he owns Farmacia Reyes located at downtown Cayey. In 2012, Mr. Pacheco diversified and expanded his pharmacy business with the creation of a new concept called Reyes Direct, giving service to approximately 80 Nursing Homes and more than 800 patients. Farmacias Aliadas is one of the most successful pharmacies buying groups in the island.

Since July 2009, Mr. Pacheco is the president of the Puerto Rico Community Pharmacies Association. Also a member of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico's Health Information Network, Member of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Board of Directors of "Alianza de Farmacias de Comunidad", Treasurer of the Cayey's Merchants Association, Member of the Drug Price Regulation Committee of the DACO and member of the Coalition for Fairness.

Our Speakers



Mrs. Madeline Hernández-Urquiza
President & CEO, Triple-S Advantage, Inc.

Madeline is President and CEO of Triple-S Advantage Inc., a leading health insurance company in Puerto Rico serving the Medicare Advantage population. During her career, she has gained a reputation for delivering financial results and managing stakeholder relationships. Prior to her current post, she was Triple-S Salud's Chief Risk Officer; worked with MC-21, led MCS as President and COO, was appointed President of TransOceanic Life Insurance Company and worked as Executive Vice-President of Triple-C. Madeline first joined Triple-S Salud after working at KPMG. She has a BBA in Accounting and a Master's in Finance, both from Inter American University, and is a Certified Public Accountant.



Dr. José Joaquín Vargas-De León
President Puerto Rico IPA Association

Dr. José Joaquín Vargas-De León graduated from Medical School in 1979 becoming a licensed physician in 1981. He worked at the Bayamón Regional Hospital and the City of Bayamón. Later establishing Bayamón Medical. Received an award for developing the Best Medical Plan for the patients of the International Ladies Garment Union from the local president Sr. José Torres.

Doctor Vargas is Primary Care Physician with over 30 years of on hand experience, an Innovator, Patient Advocate, and Public and Private Advisor on Healthcare, Local and Federal Healthcare policies, programs, and regulations. Recognized by Public and Private Institutions as a knowledgeable leader in the PR Healthcare Industry.

He is currently the President of the IPA Association of PR, Chief Medical Officer of VARMED Management and has team-up with Dr. Jeffrey Brenner of Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers in NJ becoming the leader and pioneer in Super Utilizer Programs in PR. Dr. Vargas has been working in the development of the current program for the last two years.

Our Speakers



Mr. Vicente Feliciano

Economist and President of Advantage Business Consulting

Mr. Vicente Feliciano has a BA in economics cum laude from Harvard University and an MBA from IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland. He has more than 20 years of consulting experience in Puerto Rico. Mr. Feliciano is the president of Advantage Business Consulting, a leading consulting firm that has worked for more than 15 years with great success in studies of market analysis, financial viability, economic-impact analysis and business strategy. Mr. Feliciano's previous experience includes serving as head of the Financial Analysis Department of Richard O. Custer S.A. in Lima, Peru.



Dr. Steven G. Ullmann, PhD

Professor and Director, Programs in Health Sector Management and Policy, and Special Assistant to the Provost, University of Miami

Dr. Steven Ullmann is Director of Programs in and Center for Health Sector Management and Policy at the University of Miami. He is a Professor in the Departments of Management and Economics in the School of Business Administration, and in the Departments of Epidemiology & Public Health and Family Medicine & Community Health in the Miller School of Medicine, specializing in the areas of health care management and health care economics. He served as Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and University Administration, Dean of the Graduate School and Director of Academic Programs in Health Administration.

Dr. Ullmann has worked globally in the areas of privatization and implementation of health care management structures in such countries as Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. Holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Our Speakers



Dr. Mario Marazzi-Santiago
Executive Director
Puerto Rico Statistical Institute

Dr. Mario Marazzi-Santiago was appointed as the first Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics in August 2007. In this position, Dr. Marazzi-Santiago has had numerous achievements, such as the preparation of the first Inventory of Statistics of Puerto Rico,

the establishment of Quality Criteria for Puerto Rico statistics, the implementation of a professional development program for the statisticians of the Puerto Rico government, the methodological revision of the cost-of-living and mortality statistics of Puerto Rico, amongst others. At the same time, from the Institute, he has undertaken several research projects and published various statistical reports, including the Private School Profile of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico's Knowledge Economy Index, amongst others. Previously, he served as an Economist at the International Finance Division of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, DC. During this time, he worked on the macroeconomic projections used by the Federal Reserve to make monetary policy decisions, and published several articles in academic journals and two chapters on the subject of international economics.

Dr. Marazzi-Santiago has a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University, a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University. In 2012, Dr. Marazzi was elected as the first Puerto Rican member of the International Statistical Institute.

He has presented at several international forums and organizations, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Center for Latin American Monetary Studies.

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Mr. Jaime Plá-Cortés, Esq.
Executive President, Puerto Rico Hospital
Association

Mr. Jaime Plá-Cortés is executive president of the Puerto Rico Hospital Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1942 that represents hospitals, other public and private health

institutions and health care professionals in Puerto Rico. Mr. Plá is a recognized health care leader in Puerto Rico, has served on the governing board of two major hospitals as well as having served as administrator of Saint Luke's Episcopal Hospital. He is currently President of the Board of Trustees of the Carlos Albizu University.

Mr. Plá is past president of the Association of Health Services Administrators and past president of the Puerto Rico Healthcare Quality Association. For the first time in the history of the Puerto Rico Hospital Association, Mr. Plá was reelected in 2009 to serve a second consecutive term as president of the Association. As past president and currently executive president of the Puerto Rico Hospital Association, Mr. Plá leads efforts to achieve parity for Puerto Rico under federal health care programs, working together with the government of Puerto Rico and other stakeholders to represent the needs of Puerto Rico in Washington.

Mr. Plá holds a Masters degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Puerto Rico and is a licenced Health Services Administrator.

Our Speakers



Dr. Víctor Ramos

President, Puerto Rico Surgeons and Physicians Association

Dr. Víctor Ramos is a physician specializing in pediatrics. He was recently elected as the Puerto Rico Surgeons and Physicians Association's 10th and youngest president, a compulsory membership organization representing over 10,000 licensed physicians in Puerto Rico, where he led the efforts leading to the Compulsory Bargaining Law, the Public Defibrillators Law, and the Doctors' Secure Homestead Law that protects physicians' family home from legal judgments.

He was acting Vice Chairman of Puerto Rico's Medical Licensing and Disciplinary Board and member of the board of the Puerto Rico Health Information Network, where he got physicians exempted for paying fees to join the electronic medical records system.

Dr. Ramos obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Biology at the University of Puerto Rico and the MD at UPR's School of Medicine. He also holds an MBA in hospital management from Phoenix University.



Mr. Antonio L. Fernández - Pereiro

Director, Regional Extension Center
Ponce School of Medicine

Antonio Fernandez founded and directs the Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (REC) at the Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences, where he also teaches Health Systems Administration at the Public Health Program and HIT to medical students. Mr. Fernandez is a Member of

ONC's Meaningful Use Advisory Group, the National E-Health Collaborative for the Underserved (NHIT), and the HIMSS National Diversity Initiative. He served as United Healthcare's President/CEO for PR, Senior VP for Ramsay HMO/CAC Health Plans, and VP for Miami Children's Hospital. He completed his BA, MBA and a Health Services Administration Certificate from University of Miami.

Our Speakers



Mr. Ricardo A. Rivera-Cardona

Executive Director

PR Health Insurance Administration (ASES)

Ricardo A. Rivera-Cardona is a young executive donned with wisdom beyond his years. A graduate of Cornell University with a degree in Engineering, Rivera's career took off as a consultant for a major management consulting firm in Venezuela. From there, his meteoric rise through myriad business sectors has afforded him the opportunity to work with and lead key companies in both the private and public sectors, including logistics systems, brand management, marketing, consumer sales, manufacturing, healthcare management, among others. Rivera-Cardona's service to Puerto Rico began in 2005, when he served as the Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Trade Company. Simultaneously Rivera-Cardona was appointed by the Governor of Puerto Rico as Secretary for the Department of Economic Development and Commerce. Under his leadership, he promoted important initiatives in favor of the economic advancement of the island. His commitment to Puerto Rico remains very strong, as he is currently the Executive Director of the Health Insurance Administration of Puerto Rico (ASES, by its Spanish acronym). Rivera-Cardona and his team have a very active and aggressive agenda aimed to improve the quality of health services rendered to the beneficiaries of the Government's Health Plan (GHP). They are focused in supervising the contracts awarded to the health organizations in order to ensure that they are providing the services all beneficiaries of the GHP deserve.

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Dr. Wanda G. Vélez-Andujar

President, Puerto Rico Medical Association

Born in Lares, raised in Adjuntas, she knows well the mountainous part of the Island. She studied her BS in Biology at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus. Then decided to go for her medical career and moved to Spain. It was in Santiago de Compostella that she went to the medical school.

All of these experiences allowed her to widen her horizons and meet people of all walks of life. Besides studying medicine, she was able to enjoy the different cultures and geography that Spain and Europe presents.

Once back in Puerto Rico, at the Damas Hospital of Ponce she made a rotatory internship. Afterwards, at Ponce District Regional Hospital she became a Pediatrician. Since then, she has been practicing paediatrics. For many years she was part Ponce School of Medicine's Faculty, and was the Admissions Director, until January 16, 2015.

For the past 15 months she is the President of the Puerto Rico Medical Association. This is a responsibility she truly enjoys because it allows her to be involved with the health issues that surfaces continuously. Since she is a very true defendant of education, at the Puerto Rico Medical Association through the CME Council has been able to participate in the evaluations of providers for continuing medical education (CME) using the ACCME Essentials and Criteria.

Our Speakers



Mrs. Rosa M. Hernández, R.Ph.
President, MC-21

Rosa M. Hernández, R.Ph. is President of MC-21, Puerto Rico's first locally-owned pharmacy benefits management (PBM) company established in 1996. Her responsibilities include developing and implementing cost effective PBM programs for

Medicaid lives of the Government of Puerto Rico's health reform system, and the island's largest health insurers. She was also co-founder and President of MOVA Laboratories, Inc. and MOVA Pharmaceutical Corporation. An active member of the Puerto Rico College of Pharmacists (PRCP), the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, the Sales and Marketing Executives Association (SME), the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) and the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute (PBMI) and The Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA) Board of Directors.

Among other distinctions she has been recognized as Pharmacist of the Year, Distinguished Woman in Science, Merit of the Year Award in Science and Health, Most Powerful Business Women in Puerto Rico, the Salvador "Chirry" Vasallo Award by the Puerto Rico Products Association and the Business Person of the Year Zenit Award given last year by the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. She has a Bachelor's degree Magna Cum Laude in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Puerto Rico, and has conducted post graduated studies in Marketing, Finance and Business Administration.



Mr. Javier Llano
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Javier Llano consults with clients on strategic and competitive issues to maximize and magnify the effectiveness of their relationships and advocacy programs to create marketplace advantage. He lobbies the Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees on issues related to

economic development, health care, renewable energy, telecommunications and tax policy. Mr. Llano is an artist in forming strategic alliances and partnership to create new opportunities to advance the agenda of clients.

Mr. Llano has developed a network of relationship and experts involve in the drafting and analysis of legislation, public policy that include issues such as health care, mix-income housing, transportation, renewable energy, economic development over the years working as a City Planner and Policy Advisor to various elected officials in NYC, San Juan and Washington D.C. Mr. Llano has been quoted a number of times in various newspapers articles and radio shows related to infrastructure issues affecting economic growth, affordable housing, health care policy, economic development, planning challenges such as the NYC urban transportation system, re-zoning and community benefit agreements, etc.

Mr. Llano is bilingual. He was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. He earned an M.P.A., with specialization in urban planning/economic development and public policy from New York University in the spring of 2001. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras campus in 1995.

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Mr. John Laufer

Legislative Director, Hon. Pedro R. Pierluisi,
U.S. House of Representatives

John Laufer is the Legislative Director for Congressman Pedro Pierluisi, Puerto Rico's sole Member of Congress, known as the Resident Commissioner. He has served in this position since 2009, and his legislative portfolio includes health care. In 2008, John served as Legislative Counsel for Luis Fortuño, Mr. Pierluisi's predecessor as Resident Commissioner, who subsequently became Governor of Puerto Rico. John is a graduate of Amherst College, Columbia Law School, and the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. He was born and raised in New York City.

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Ms. Melanie Anne Egorin

Senior Legislative Advisor, Democratic House Ways and Means Committee

Melanie Anne Egorin has over 15 years of health policy experience including more than 10 years in the federal government. She currently serves as Professional Democratic Staff for the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is the lead staff person for Affordable Care Act policy and implementation as well as Medicare Advantage, dual-eligible beneficiaries, and Medicare program integrity.

Prior to joining Ways and Means, Dr. Egorin was a Senior Analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). She holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Emory University and a Ph.D. from the University of California San Francisco.



Mr. Thomas E. Hutchinson

Former Director of Medicare Payment Part C and D at CMS

THOMAS E. HUTCHINSON is a Strategic Advisor for EBG Advisors, Inc. He has more than 25 years of experience in the private sector and in federal service implementing programs and policies directly affecting Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. Mr. Hutchinson advises clients on payment policy and operations issues relating to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Prior to joining EBG Advisors, Mr. Hutchinson served as the director of the Medicare Plan Payment Group at CMS. The Part D risk adjustment model and the Part C risk adjustment model were both developed under his leadership. Additionally, Mr. Hutchinson was the driving force behind the design and implementation of the Medicare Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) audits.

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Mrs. María Fernanda Levis, MPH, MPA
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Maria Fernanda Levis-Peralta consults to primary care centers, physician groups, hospitals, pharmaceuticals, insurance companies and governments on issues related to health systems, quality, policy and financing. Her firm, Impactivo, LLC, specializes in providing health systems research, strategy development, policy analysis, patient centered medical home transformation, quality improvement and structuring value based funding arrangements for high quality health organizations in New York, Washington DC and Puerto Rico.

Ms. Levis has a Masters in Public Administration with a concentration in Health Policy and Negotiations from the Harvard Kennedy School and a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health having studied under mayor federal health reform leaders including Don Berwick, Joe Newhouse, Michael Porter and Regina Herzlinger. She is also a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellow, a Harvard Center for Public Leadership Fellow and was recently selected to the National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health.



Dr. Roberto Ramírez-García, MHSA, PhD
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Roberto Ramírez is Professor of Health Systems and Policy in the Masters Program in Health Services Administration, and Doctoral Program in Health Systems Analysis and Management of the University of Puerto Rico since 1981.

Professor Ramírez holds a PhD in Health Policy from Boston University (1991), a Masters degree in Health Services Administration (1980) and a BBA from the University of Puerto Rico-Río (1978). He is a consultant for government and private sector health organizations and conducts teaching and research in the University of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Central University Medical School.

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Mrs. Gloria del C. Amador, DrPH(c), MHSA
CEO, Salud Integral en la Montaña, Inc. &
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Mrs. Gloria del C. Amador is the Chief Executive Officer of Salud Integral en la Montaña, Inc. (SIM), since 2013; and Acting Director of Special Programs of the San Juan City Health Department for eleven years, where she oversees several federally funded programs. Also was

appointed as Privacy Officer of HIPAA Law and City Representative of the Office of Minority Health, Civil Rights & Women Health of Region II, New York.

While employed in the private healthcare sector, Mrs. Amador held the position of Executive Director of Cardio Services, Inc., Tropical Air Flying Services, Inc. and Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine. Appointed Associate Administrator of the Perea Hospital, in 1998. At the present time, Mrs. Gloria Amador is a doctoral candidate at the Public Health System Analysis and Management Doctoral Program of the Public School of Medical Sciences Campus, where she also obtained her Master degree in Healthcare Administration.

Mrs. Amador acted as Board Chair of the Public Relations Committee of the Health Care Administrators College of Puerto Rico; Board Member of the San Juan City Hospital Board of Directors and Co-Chair and Board Member of the HIV/AIDS Planning Council of the San Juan Eligible Metropolitan Area. She also holds memberships in the Healthcare Administrators College of Puerto Rico, the Asociación de Salud Primaria de Puerto Rico, Inc., member of the PR Primary Healthcare Association, National Association of Community Health Centers and Healthcare Compliance Association.

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Dr. Inés Hernández, M.D., DABFM
Chief Medical Officer, MCS

Dr. Inés Hernández Roses graduated from the University of Puerto Rico's School of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program. Upon graduation, she was granted a tenured Assistant Professor appointment in the same program.

During her tenure, she was appointed Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Curriculum Coordinator, Assistant Residency Program Director and Director of the Curriculum Committee.

She joined MCS, Inc. in 2005, where she has held various positions. She is currently the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Hernández is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties and by the American Academy of Professional Coders. She is also a Certified Health Insurance Executive.

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Mr. Orlando González-Rivera, Esq., CPA
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Orlando's professional trajectory includes important positions such as Administrator of the Puerto Rico Socioeconomic Development Administration and Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES). In 2008, he became President of MMM Healthcare, LLC and PMC Medicare Choice, LLC. Under his leadership, MMM and PMC have experienced substantial growth and in two consecutive years, have obtained Commendable Accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The company has also been recognized among the Best Employers in Puerto Rico on two occasions.



Mr. Luis Eduardo Pizarro Otero, Esq.
PR Chamber of Commerce Health Committee
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Luis is a graduate from The George Washington University in Washington, DC, and the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, School of Law. He also has a Masters in Law (LLM) in Health Care Law, from the Beazley Institute of Health Law and Policy, in Loyola University Chicago, School of Law. Luis is admitted to practice law by the Puerto Rico Supreme Court and the Federal District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

At MCS, Luis leads the company policy program and legislative affairs, evaluating public policy, healthcare reforms and their impacts to the Private Insurance, Medicaid and Medicare segments in Puerto Rico. In addition, he provides corporate strategic planning support, business implications analysis, as well as legal advice, on a wide array of health care issues to foster effective relations with federal and local government branches. Luis participates in various professional and business associations such as the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, the American Bar Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. He is a frequent speaker on conferences related to the Affordable Care Act and health care legislation in Puerto Rico.

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Mrs. Angela Weyne Roig, Esq.

Commissioner of Insurance for Puerto Rico

Was appointed by Governor Alejandro Garcia Padilla to serve as Commissioner of Insurance for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on January, 2013. With more than 40 years of experience in the insurance and banking sectors, Weyne has accomplished an award-winning career in insurance, including management of a premium finance

company, a managing general agency, a claims adjusting firm, presidencies of life and of property and casualty companies and the presidency of the largest bank owned insurance agency in Puerto Rico. She was also president of the first reinsurance company incorporated in Puerto Rico and served as President of two health maintenance organizations.

Commissioner Weyne received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Puerto Rico and has been recipient of many awards through her professional career, such as the Top Management Award of the Sales and Marketing Association, Outstanding Women in Business of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce and Woman of the Year from the Professional Women's Association of Puerto Rico. Commissioner Weyne is an active member of the World Presidents Organization (WPO) and served as Chair of the local chapter. Among the entities where she has served as board member are the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, the Puerto Rico Association of Insurance Companies, the Friends of El Yunque Foundation, Central Caribbean University and the Trust of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. Currently, Commissioner Weyne serves as board member of the Puerto Rico State Insurance Fund Corporation, the Automobile Accidents Compensations Administration and the Health Insurance Administration. She is also member of various committees of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

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Attorney Pernas obtained a Bachelor in Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, with a Major in Political Sciences, from the University of Puerto Rico (1977), and received the Juris Doctor degree on May 1980, graduating from the School of Law of the University of Puerto Rico. She also completed a masters degree in the Law School of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

Attorney Pernas has been appointed to various committees related to the insurance industry, and participated as a lecturer in continuing legal education conferences sponsored by the Interamerican University School of Law, such as the last three Health Law Conferences and the 2012 Torts Conference.

Our Speakers



Mr. Eduardo Zetina
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Eduardo holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin with concentrations in Business Administration, Finance and Actuarial Science. He has spent the last 21 years working in the health insurance industry in Puerto Rico, having held such positions as Chief Underwriter at Triple-S (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Puerto Rico) and Vice President of Actuarial & Underwriting at MCS, Inc. While at MCS, Eduardo helped launch the MCS Advantage subsidiary in 2005. Work with MCS Advantage allowed Eduardo to become one of the island's top experts in the federal government's Medicare Advantage program. During his career, Eduardo has contributed innovations to the Commercial, MI Salud (Medicaid) and Medicare Advantage market segments, and continues to do so as an independent Actuarial Consultant. His clients include health insurance carriers, public corporations, jumbo commercial plan sponsors, health care providers and health insurance brokers and agents. In 2012, along with three other health insurance professionals, Eduardo launched Qinetix Group, a technology company which developed and operates the first and only fully functional private Health Insurance Exchange in Puerto Rico serving both the group and individual markets.

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Mr. Guido E. Lugo-Modesto, MHSA, CMC
CEO Managed Care Management and
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During the last twenty five years Mr. Lugo has been active in management positions which have concentrated on providing advisory and administrative services in healthcare, with special emphasis on Managed Care Models. Mr. Lugo maintains strategic alliances with a wide range of organizations thru partnership approach, to provide viable solutions to all business players.

His experience ranges from the development and management of Health Plans, planning, development and administration of the first Puerto Rican Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM), the effective implementation of specialized managed care management software systems, development of Independent Practice Associations (IPAS), both within the Government Health Plan of Puerto Rico (MiSalud) and Medicare Advantage programs.

In 2007 he founded Managed Care Management and Educational, LLC.



Dr. Noel J. Aymat-Santana
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Dr. Noel J. Aymat Santana received his Dental Medicine Doctor and Law degree from the University of Puerto Rico. In New York he completed two programs simultaneously: Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and Healthcare Management at NYU. He has been as Peer Reviewer for a insurance company (until 1999). Dr. Aymat has been president of the Puerto Rico Dental Association (Colegio) and other organizations. Dr. Aymat is the Chancellor of the Medical Sciences Campus of the University of Puerto Rico. As part of his Chancellor duties he sits at the Governing Board of several public hospitals.

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Dr. David Lenihan

President & CEO, Ponce Health Sciences University

Dr. Dave Lenihan is an experienced educator with a passion for life-long learning and an entrepreneurial streak. He is the President / CEO of Ponce Health Sciences University and CEO of Arist Medical Education holdings, an investment group in higher education. Prior to being named President at Ponce, he was the Chief Academic Officer for Arist Holdings and Dean at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

His expertise is in student assessment, using technology to improve the medical education curriculum and how analytics can be used to improve the student experience and promote excellence in education.



Dr. José Ginel Rodríguez

President and Dean of Medicine
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José Ginel Rodríguez, MD, FAAP graduated from the Ponce School of Medicine in 1983 in Puerto Rico. Dr. Rodríguez is currently President and Dean of Medicine of Universidad Central del Caribe. Since 2006, he is a member and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Regional Academic Medical Center, has served in the Advisory Committee of the Post-Doctoral Master of Clinical research of the School of Medicine and is a member of the SNRP Program Advisory Committee. He has served as LCME surveyor for the University of New Mexico School Of Medicine. He is a member of several academic leadership associations and professional organizations.

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Dr. Natalio Izquierdo

Former President, Puerto Rico Medical Association

Dr. Izquierdo attended the Curso de Liderazgo in the years 2003-2004. Dr. Izquierdo is a Former President of the Puerto Rico Medical Association. He has lectured in Political

Advocacy strategies since then. Dr. Izquierdo served as a member of the Legislative Action Committee of Puerto Rico's Ophthalmological Society for 14 years. He still advises members of the Board of his local ophthalmic society on legislative issues.

Dr. Izquierdo chairs the PAAO Professional Relations Committee. He is also Editor of Prensa Médica, a periodical of the Puerto Rico Medical Association. For 15 years, Dr. Izquierdo taught Hereditary Eye Diseases and Pediatric Ophthalmology to University of Puerto Rico ophthalmology residents. Now he teaches Medical Ethics at the local Medical School. Dr. Izquierdo did his undergraduate training at the University of Puerto Rico. After completing his ophthalmology training at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, he did fellowships in both Hereditary Eye Diseases at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and Glaucoma with the University Ophthalmic Consultants of Washington, DC.

As part of his quest of educating primary physicians, he published a book geared towards their education titled: Oftalmología para los Médicos Primarios. Further, he hosts a local television show called: En Cuerpo y Alma.



Mr. Michael Meléndez, CMS NYRO

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He oversees plans, manages, and provides leadership to the federal team in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands in program development, implementation, maintenance, financial reporting and monitoring of federal finances and execution of state agency activities regarding the Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Meléndez worked as the Health and Human Services Director in the Office of Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer. Also formed the not-for-profit Bronx Health & Human Services Development Corporation. Obtained a Masters in Social Work Administration from Fordham University and a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Psychology from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

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Mr. Reginald Slaten is the Associate Regional Administrator for the Division of Medicare Health Plans Operations at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the New York Regional Office, responsible for managing and overseeing the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan programs in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, through approximately 125 healthcare organization contracts.

He directs professional, clinical, and administrative staff responsible for monitoring and evaluating managed health care organizations' Medicare operations; marketing and advertising materials; enrollment and disenrollment functions for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan beneficiaries; and Medicare managed care policies and procedures.

Mr. Slaten has 33 years of Federal Service experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Science from Kean University and pursued M.B.A. graduate studies at Rutgers University.

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