Changes Affecting the Private Health Insurance Market
Thursday, Dec. 6 | 2:30 pm-3:45 pm – Room Regency A

Recent headlines proclaim that dramatic changes at the federal level are having a significant effect on the commercial health insurance market. Health exchanges and subsidies, new short-term and association health plans, changes to state insurance oversight, 1332 or other innovation waivers…what does this all mean for states? As states wrap up open enrollment for health coverage, come hear national experts share their views on the roles state legislatures can play in 2019.

**Moderator:** David Blumenthal, M.D., The Commonwealth Fund, New York

**Panelist:** William Brady, J.D., U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Washington, D.C.

**Panelist:** Sabrina Corlette, J.D., Center on Health Insurance Reforms, Georgetown Univ., Washington, D.C.

**Panelist:** Brian Webb, M.P.A., National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), Washington, D.C.

(Speaker bios on the reverse)

**Co-sponsored by:**
NCSL Health and Human Services Committee
Executive Committee Task Force on Insurance

This session is eligible for Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

Health Insurance and session resources online at: [http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/health-insurance.aspx](http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/health-insurance.aspx)
David Blumenthal, M.D.
President, The Commonwealth Fund
David Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.P., is president of The Commonwealth Fund, a national philanthropy engaged in independent research on health and social policy issues. Dr. Blumenthal is formerly a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief Health Information and Innovation Officer at Partners Healthcare System in Boston. From 2009 to 2011, he served as the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, with the charge to build an interoperable, private, and secure nationwide health information system and to support the widespread, meaningful use of health IT. He succeeded in putting in place one of the largest publicly funded infrastructure investments the nation has ever made in such a short time period. Previously Dr. Blumenthal was a practicing primary care physician, director of the Institute for Health Policy, and professor of medicine and health policy at Massachusetts General Hospital/Partners Healthcare System and Harvard Medical School. He is the author of more than 250 books and scholarly publications. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and serves on the editorial boards of the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation. He has also served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research; is the founding chairman of AcademyHealth, and a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

William Brady, J.D.
Associate Deputy Secretary, HHS Office of the Secretary
Will Brady is an Associate Deputy Secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services. He reports to the Deputy Secretary and advises on policy and program matters and assists the Deputy Secretary in the management and operations of the department. His main areas of responsibility include CMS, CTO, ASA, ASFR, OIG and OSS. In addition, he leads and supports cross departmental initiatives related to innovation, grants, acquisitions, employee performance and management, finance, cyber-security and other special projects. Prior to HHS, Will was Associate Legal Counsel for Health Care Service Corporation, working with client Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, New Mexico, Texas, Montana, Oklahoma, focusing on federal healthcare law, insurance law, and corporate transactions.
Will has a law degree from DePaul University and studied accounting and finance at the University of Dayton. Will is also a Captain in the DC Army National Guard Judge Advocate Corps and lives in Virginia with his wife and son.

Sabrina Corlette, J.D.
Research Professor, Center on Health Insurance Reforms (CHIR), Georgetown U. Health Policy Institute. At CHIR Prof. Corlette directs research on health insurance reform issues. Her areas of focus include state and federal regulation of private health insurance plans and markets and evolving insurance market rules. She provides expertise and strategic advice to individuals and organizations on federal and state health insurance laws and programs. A full list of her publications is available here. She also serves on the Standards Committee for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and on the Public Health-Health Care Collaboration Work Group to the CDC. Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty, Ms. Corlette was Director of Health Policy Programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families, where she provided policy expertise and strategic direction. From 1997 to 2001, Ms. Corlette worked as a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Health Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, where she served as health legislative assistant to Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA). After leaving the Hill, Ms. Corlette served as an attorney at the law firm Hogan Lovells where she advised clients on health care law and policy relating to HIPAA, Medicare and Medicaid, and the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Ms. Corlette is a member of the D.C. Bar and received her J.D. with high honors from the University of Texas at Austin and her undergraduate degree with honors from Harvard University.

Brian Webb, M.P.A.
Assistant Director for Health Policy and Legislation, National Association Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).
He has been with NAIC since 2001 (17 years!) The NAIC represents the insurance regulators in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 5 U.S. territories. Before joining the NAIC, Brian worked on Medicare and Medicaid policy for the BlueCross BlueShield Association and, prior to that, was the Assistant Vice President for Legislation for the then-Federation of American Health Systems (FAHS). Brian began working in Washington, D.C. on health care policy in 1988 as a legislative aide for Congressman Bill Thomas. Brian also worked five years in California Governor Pete Wilson’s Washington, D.C., office as health and welfare aide and Deputy Director. He has a Masters degree in Public Administration from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree from BIOLA University in California.