
YVETTE FONTENOT

EXPERIENCE

AVENUE SOLUTIONS

Partner, April 2013 – Present

Develop and implement targeted and comprehensive policy on behalf of health care clients including employers, insurers and providers. Develop and pursue advocacy strategies to increase the chances of favorable legislative consideration within the Congress or administrative action in the Executive Branch. Develop public and elite policy validator communications strategies that improve reception toward particular favored policies.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Deputy Director, Office of Health Reform, March 2011 -Present

Develop policy initiatives to reflect Congressional intent. Advance Administration priorities related to health care reform and ensure timely implementation of private market reforms including Affordable Insurance Exchanges, essential health benefits and market rules as well as Medicare and Medicaid payment reforms and public health initiatives. Coordinate and clear all matters related to the Affordable Care Act. Represent the Administration and maintain relationships with states, plans, employers, consumer advocacy groups, and other stakeholders to understand external perspectives and promote the Administration's policies. Review and coordinate policy developed by other Departments related to the Affordable Care Act such as employer responsibility provisions and individual tax credits. Advise senior White House and Department officials about implementation efforts, associated regulations and operational concerns. Speak on the record at public forums, panels, press calls and stakeholder calls.

WHITEHOUSE

Senior Policy Director, Office of Health Reform, June 2010 - March 2011

Coordinate the Administration's work on implementation of the Affordable Care Act including private market reforms, employer responsibility provisions, Medicare and Medicaid policy and tax credits. Represent the Administration and maintain relationships with states, plans, employers, consumer advocacy groups, and other stakeholders to understand external perspectives and promote the Administration's policies. Brief and advise senior White House officials about all aspects of the legislation and implementation efforts. Negotiate policy agreements between HHS offices and agencies as well as the Office of Management and Budget, Treasury and Labor.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Professional Staff Member, August 2008 - June 2010

Develop policy, analyze and pursue legislation to provide health insurance coverage to the uninsured, reduce health care costs and improve quality. Direct legislative drafting and cost estimation of private market changes with principle responsibility for provisions such as individual and employer responsibility requirements, tax credits for the purchase of health coverage, health insurance exchanges, health insurance rating reform, and consumer protection proposals included in the Affordable Care Act. Testify before Committee during Executive Sessions and present policy options and legislative proposals to bipartisan Members of the Senate during Committee meetings. Oversee junior staff members on discrete projects, including assigning and reviewing work. Advise the Chairman and Committee members on health insurance reform legislation before the Committee and Congress. Negotiate private market provisions on the Committee's behalf with the White House, Congress, Federal Agencies, and external stakeholders. Research and write issue papers and memoranda, write and edit correspondence and website content, draft floor statements, talking points, and speeches. Enactment of the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

Professional Staff Member, February 2007- August 2008

Develop, analyze and pursue legislation affecting Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Assist Committee in developing legislation addressing health insurance reform, and health information technology and privacy. Develop legislation to provide health insurance coverage to six million currently uninsured children. Advise the Chairman of the Health Subcommittee and other Members on legislation before the Committee and Congress. Negotiate on the Committee's behalf with the White House, Congress, and Federal Agencies. Research and write issue papers, floor statements, talking points, and speeches. Function as Committee point-person on all issues related to the federal budget.

JENNINGS POLICY STRATEGIES, INC.

Vice President, January 2004 – February 2007

Design and implement a tailored and comprehensive health care strategy on behalf of clients including health care purchasers, insurers, and advocacy groups as well as employers and labor groups. Develop and pursue health policies and advocacy strategies to increase the chances of favorable legislative consideration within the Congress or administrative action in the Executive Branch. Develop public and elite policy validator communications strategies that improve reception toward particular products or services.

OFFICE OF SENATOR JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Senior Legislative Advisor for Health Policy, March 2001-December 2003

Research and advise Senator on health care agenda and legislation. Assist Senator in his efforts to ensure adequate health care coverage to vulnerable populations by pursuing and obtaining \$20 billion for states, \$2.7 billion for the Children's Health Insurance Program, and assuring access to a Medicare prescription drug benefit for all seniors. Develop legislation to increase consumer access to prescription drugs by making cost-effective generic pharmaceuticals more widely available and increasing access to prescription drugs through existing programs. Negotiate on Senator's behalf with the White House, Congress, and Federal Agencies. Research and write issue papers and memoranda, draft legislation, write and edit correspondence and website content, draft floor statements, talking points, and speeches. Provide constituent service and assist public and private entities working with federal agencies. Enactment of P.L. 108-74, P.L. 108-27-title IV.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)

Policy Analyst, July 1997-March 2001

Analyze and estimate budgetary and programmatic impact of Medicare policies with a focus on physicians, prescription drugs and hospital outpatient departments. Develop the annual President's Budget for Medicare benefits and administration, including legislation and baseline spending projections. Develop, analyze, and estimate the budgetary and programmatic impact of a wide range of Medicare policy options. Analyze Congressional proposals affecting Medicare. Review Medicare demonstration waivers, regulations, and other administrative actions for policy and financial implications. OMB special achievement award, July 1999, for sustained superior performance in the handling of several highly complex and controversial issues related to fraud, Medicare coverage policy, and Medicare reimbursement. OMB cross-cutting group award, July 2000, for sustained superior analysis related to Medicare issues during the past year.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, Illinois
Masters in Public Policy, June 1997

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina
Bachelors of Arts, May 1994