

Donna Checkett, MPA, MSW Biographical Sketch

Donna Checkett has more than 20 years of experience in health care policy, operations, financing and government affairs, spanning both the private and public sectors. Currently she is the Vice President of Aetna State Government Affairs, with primary responsibility for directing the company's thought leadership and partnership with governors and states in the areas of health reform implementation and cost/quality management of public sector programs, including Medicaid, state employees and Health Insurance Exchanges.

Prior to this, Ms. Checkett was Senior Vice President of Medicaid Business Development at Schaller Anderson, an Aetna company. Her previous experience also includes serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Missouri Care, a managed Medicaid health plan that she created, developed and managed in support of the University of Missouri Health Center's mission of service to Medicaid and other low-income populations.

For eight years, Ms. Checkett served as the Director of the Missouri Division of Medical Services (Medicaid), during which time she was the chair of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors and a member of the National Governors' Association Medicaid Improvements Working Group. Among her many accomplishments are several eligibility expansions, development of multiple provider tax and IGT programs as well as implementation of managed care for more than half of the state's Medicaid population. Ms. Checkett also served as the first Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Center for Health Care Strategies and as chair of the National Advisory Committee for Covering Kids, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program fostering outreach and eligibility simplification efforts for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. Ms. Checkett is currently a commissioner on the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC).

She received a Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master of Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin and is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies.