



NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

**2017 Washington Representatives Retreat**

November 30- December 1, 2017

Loews Annapolis Hotel  
126 West St, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Agenda**

**Thursday, November 30**

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**2017 NHC Accomplishments and 2018 Policy Matrix**

11:30- 12:45 p.m.

**FDARA, 21st Century Cures, and FDA Issues**

**Moderator:** Jason Harris, Manager, Public Policy, National Health Council

David Clissold, Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara

Tom Kraus, Senior Vice President, Avalere Health

12:45– 1:30 p.m.

**Break (lunch served)**

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**Breakout Group Discussion: ACA Questions**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Affordable Care Act – Marketplace Stability**

**Moderator:** Eric Gascho, Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, National Health Council

Kelly Brantley, Vice President, Avalere Health

Katie Berge, Government Relations Manager,  
American Heart Association

Rob Goldsmith, Director of Federal Government Affairs,  
American Diabetes Association

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

**Affordable Care Act – State Waivers and Regulatory Impacts**

**Moderator:** Patrick Stone, Vice President of Advocacy & Government Affairs, National Psoriasis Foundation

Kimberly Calder, Director of Health Policy, National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Jennifer Tolbert, Director of State Health Reform,  
Kaiser Family Foundation

Paul Melmeyer, Director of Federal Policy,  
National Organization for Rare Disorders

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4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

### **Health Care Costs**

Bari Talente, Executive Vice President of Advocacy,  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
Robert Horne, Senior Director, Leavitt Partners  
Eric Gascho, Vice President, Policy and Government  
Affairs, National Health Council

5:15 p.m.

### **Concluding Remarks**

5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

### **Break**

5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

### **Activity: Speed Networking**

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

### **Reception and Dinner**

## **Friday, December 1**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

### **Networking Breakfast Buffet**

8:30- 9:30 a.m.

### **Keynote Presentation**

Bill Hoagland, Senior Vice President, Bipartisan Policy Center

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### **Tax Reform**

Robert Bradner, Partner, Holland & Knight  
Allison Grayson, Director of Policy Development and Analysis,  
Independent Sector

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

### **Value Assessment: What's New Since 2016?**

**Moderator:** Eleanor Perfetto, Senior Vice President, Strategic  
Initiatives, National Health Council

Leah Howard, Chief Operating Officer,  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
Annie Kennedy, SVP of Legislation & Public Policy  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
Sarah Emond, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating  
Officer, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review

11:45 – 12:00 p.m.

### **Concluding Remarks**

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

### **Networking Lunch (Boxed Lunches)**