

Dear colleagues,

One year ago today, I started as the first paid Executive Director of Consumer Health First, after the organization transformed into a 501(c)(3) from the unincorporated Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform. And what a year it's been! Together, we've accomplished much, both as a fledgling nonprofit and as the leader of the health policy and advocacy coalition working to advance health equity and promote high quality, affordable health care for all Marylanders.

Here's just a brief list of the things we've done over the past year:

- Provided critical feedback to the Maryland Insurance Administration on the network adequacy regulations under development;
- Analyzed and testified on the 2017 and 2018 private market rates proposed by Maryland's health insurance companies;
- Prepared detailed consumer-oriented feedback to the HSCRC and DHMH on plans for the next phase of the All-Payer Model and development of the Comprehensive Primary Care Program;
- Supported several consumer-focused bills during the 2017 Legislative Session;
- Participated on numerous work groups, committees and advisory councils to bring the consumer perspective to all of Maryland's health care reform efforts;
- Successfully advocated for a work group to develop standardized benefit plans in the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange;
- Presented a symposium and webinars, along with weekly e-newsletters, website updates, and thousands of social media posts, to keep our partners up to date on health care reform efforts;
- Provided consumer-oriented feedback on numerous state and federal proposals and regulations;
- And, of course, launched an all-out effort to protect health care for millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in the face of attacks on the Affordable Care Act by Congress and the Administration.

But now, while I have thoroughly enjoyed this work, getting to know all of you, and the many accomplishments of the year, I feel it is time to move on and I have tendered my resignation to the Board of Directors. It has been a great honor to work with all of you and with CHF's incredibly dedicated board, and I wish the organization the very best in its next phase. I am particularly grateful to Leni Preston, Board President, and Linda Rittelmann, our communications consultant, for their tremendous support over the past year. My last day will be August 15. Please keep in touch – my personal email is j.sciabarra@verizon.net – and keep up the great work for all of Maryland's health care consumers!

Best Regards,
Jeananne