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Tom Dehner is a Managing Principal based in the Health Management Associate's Boston office. He provides assistance to states, health plans, providers and foundations in the areas of Medicaid policy and operations, health reform implementation, and strategic planning. He led a project to help the State of Vermont develop and negotiate with CMS an ACO-based all-payer model agreement, and led many projects to assist states with planning after the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

From January 2007 until joining HMA, Tom was the Director of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Medicaid Program, known as MassHealth, overseeing a health insurance program that covered 1.1 million members, with a \$9 billion budget and a workforce of over 800. In this role, Tom led implementation and federal approval of the Medicaid-related components of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform law. In addition to his duties as Medicaid Director, Tom served as a member of the Board of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector.

At MassHealth, Tom implemented the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative, a restructuring of services and care coordination supports for children with serious emotional disturbances, incorporating the wraparound process model. Tom also managed a successful enterprise-wide IT systems development project to develop a state-of-the-art claims payment system. Tom was elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors.

Prior to being appointed Medicaid Director, Tom was a Deputy Medicaid Director and Chief of Staff for MassHealth. He also served as Counsel to the Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Committee, where he supervised legislative policy on health care and insurance matters. He has a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law.

Tom is a member of the Board of Directors of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and of the Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute.



Gene Huang is the Vice President of Business Development for Remedy Partners and leads the SNF Model 3 bundled payment business. He has been with the company since July 2012.

Prior to Remedy, Gene was the President and Chief Development Officer for a physician practice focused on home visits by physicians and nurse practitioners to Medicare FFS, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and Dual Eligible beneficiaries. Other leadership roles with healthcare providers include COO of Opticare Eye Health, and Vice President of Health Facilitation for CIGNA HealthCare with P&L responsibility for CIGNA's 24 hour telephonic nurse line.

For health plans, Gene served for a year and a half as the interim CEO for Citrus Health Care in Tampa, FL during a successful turnaround and acquisition of a Medicare Advantage, managed Medicaid, and nursing home diversion business. He also served as the SVP of Operations and Development for Aveta, a Medicare Advantage health plan developing Chronic Special Needs Plans, where he led all business development and partnership activities as well as group, physician, and hospital contracting initiatives. From 1993 to 1996, Gene developed Oxford Health Plan's Medicare Risk Business from a start up to an \$850 million business.

Gene serves on the Board of Directors of ReferWell, a tech enabled referral management company, and holds a Bachelors degree in chemistry from Cornell University and Masters in Management of Technology from M.I.T.



James Iacobellis is the Senior Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs at the Connecticut Hospital Association. He is responsible for representing Connecticut's 27 not-for-profit hospitals before the Connecticut State Legislature and State Agencies. Jim also advocates on behalf of Connecticut hospitals before Connecticut's Congressional Delegation and Federal Agencies and coordinates CHA's legal and policy research on issues affecting hospitals and healthcare.

Prior to joining CHA in 2000, Jim served as Counsel to the Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives and its Democratic caucus, Counsel to the Majority Leader, Senior Legislative Attorney for the Legislative Commissioner's Office of the Connecticut General Assembly, and Staff Attorney for the State of Connecticut Judicial Department. He has also taught Business Law as adjunct instructor at Naugatuck Valley Community and Technical College in Waterbury.

Jim earned his bachelor of arts in political science with a minor in economics and a concentration in public policy from George Washington University, and graduated magna cum laude with a juris doctorate from New England School of Law in Boston.



Eric Linzer, Executive Vice President, of the MA Association of Health Plans has more than 20 years of public affairs and media relations experience. He joined MAHP in 2002 as the Director of Public Affairs before being promoted to Vice President in 2005. In 2017, Eric was promoted to Executive Vice President, where he oversees media relations and communications, outreach efforts to business groups and brokers, legislative and regulatory issues affecting commercial carriers, administrative simplification efforts with the provider community, and business planning, financial management, and operational activities within the organization.

Prior to joining MAHP, he was an account supervisor in the public relations division of Arnold Worldwide providing crisis communications and strategic counsel for a variety of regional and national clients. Before joining Arnold Worldwide, Eric worked in the public affairs department of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, handling media relations for the health plan. Early in his career, Eric worked at a boutique PR agency on the National Institute of Mental Health's campaign on the co-occurrence of depression with other major illnesses. He also served as the legislative aide and campaign manager for former State Representative Paul Demakis. Currently, Eric serves as MAHP's representative on the Board of Directors of the MA eHealth Collaborative and the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium and has served on a number of state commissions, most recently the Special Commission on Provider Price Reform. In 2008, Eric received the Leader in Quality - Rx for Excellence Award from the *Massachusetts Medical Law Report*. He holds a JD from Suffolk University Law School. Eric also received his Master's degree in Political Science from Suffolk University and earned his Bachelor's degree from Boston College.



Lisa Tofil is a Partner at Holland & Knight LLP and represents a number of health care organizations, with significant expertise in hospital and health system financing, trauma centers and systems, air medical transport, emergency medical services and the 340B Drug Discount Program. She is an experienced advocate on numerous other healthcare issues and programs, including graduate medical education, biomedical research, transplantation, health resources issues, as well as public records and open meetings laws. Lisa works with clients on policy development, devising legislative and regulatory strategies, and intervening as necessary to draft and secure legislative or regulatory changes that advance client interests.

In previous roles, she served as in-house counsel to two large health systems, building their government relations functions and executing strategic government relations plans.