



Department of Labor Signals Strong Partnership with Employers

Employers traditionally have a complicated relationship with the Department of Labor (DOL). A recent Washington meeting between the Department of Labor (DOL), the National Alliance, and HCTN signaled an encouraging shift — the DOL is actively looking to **support employers in acquiring critical data** and holding "bad actors" accountable under the recent transparency rules, which remain open for public comment. On April 7, Keith Sonderling, Deputy Secretary of Labor under Lori Chavez-DeRemer, met with Shawn Gremminger, Phil Belcher, and other coalition CEOs to gain the employer perspective on the proposed rules. Sonderling suggested that the DOL rules work in concert with the recent PBM legislation to strengthen the employer's hand. Of course, the PBM industry, one of the best funded lobbying programs, is pushing back. Many view this strong pushback as a sign of the recent reforms being effective.

HCTN is meeting with Representative Diana Harshbarger's healthcare policy staff on May 4th in Morristown TN. Employer's interested in attending should contact Jeffrey Townsend (jtownsend@hctnonevoice.org). Space is limited.

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