

Federal Insight and Advocacy

Services Spotlight: Budget Reconciliation Policy Development, Analysis, and Advocacy

THE 2021 ENVIRONMENT

Congress and the Biden Administration are considering very significant policies in health care, including policies addressing COVID-19 relief and recovery, drug pricing, new government-run public options, expansions of Medicaid, changes in insurance benefits and affordability, changes to the taxation of health coverage, value-based care, digital health, and provider payments.

Given the narrow majorities in Congress, budget reconciliation has emerged as a likely vehicle for advancing several health care policies. Certain procedural advantages of budget reconciliation (mainly the 51-vote threshold in the Senate) enable changes to Medicare, Medicaid, and taxes on an expedited timeframe. This dynamic has resulted in budget reconciliation being a preferred means of recent Administrations in passing some types of sweeping legislative changes on a party-line basis. While budget reconciliation has certain procedural advantages, it is also fraught with complex rules and procedures that can make it very difficult to pass large pieces of policy legislation intact.

OUR EXPERTISE

Organizations seeking to influence the outcome of these policy debates and thrive in a very dynamic legislative and regulatory environment, must have the most current information, informed by partners who understand the processes and the underlying policies under consideration. Leavitt Partners helps organizations navigate policy issues they confront and the often confusing legislative and budget reconciliation process.

The Leavitt Partners team comprises experienced policymakers and staffers spanning the executive and legislative branches of government with firsthand, in-depth knowledge of the regulatory and legislative processes, including the budget reconciliation process. Our staff has:

- Served on the Senate Budget Committee and House and Senate authorizing committees and worked on every health care-related reconciliation bill since the Deficit Reduction Act in 2006.
- Run review processes in the Senate on the Byrd Rule and successfully litigated reconciliation points of order in front of the Senate Parliamentarian.
- Leveraged deep policy expertise by helping write significant health care legislation improving health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, life sciences, and other areas – as well as regulations in those issue areas - during their public service.

Budget Reconciliation Services

- **Congressional Intelligence:** Real-time information on committees of jurisdiction and leadership activities, including hearings, mark-ups, and analysis of proposed legislation.
- **Budget Reconciliation 101:** Presentations and targeted education materials to help stakeholders understand the budget reconciliation process and how it can impact their organization.
- **Byrd Rule Analysis:** Conduct detailed analysis of policy proposals for compliance with the Byrd Rule and other reconciliation rules and requirements. (The Byrd Rule specifies criteria under which a Senator can raise a point of order to strike content out of a reconciliation bill).
- **Policy Development:** Complete policy building, including policy creation, legislative text development, and collateral formation.
- **Advocacy Strategy:** Comprehensive advocacy planning to make sure messages cut through the noise on Capitol Hill, and stakeholders have the opportunity to impact the often “secretive” budget reconciliation process.

We work with organizations to provide actionable information, develop policy solutions to their unique challenges and specific advocacy strategies. From the most sophisticated multi-national organizations to the smallest local providers, we help health care organizations navigate a turbulent and often confusing Washington, D.C.



OUR EXPERTS



Elizabeth M. Wroe

Principal, Leavitt Partners

Elizabeth M. Wroe is based in Washington, D.C. Liz advises clients on health care policy and strategy, and develops and manages multi-sector alliances. In her time on Capitol Hill, Liz served

as Chief Counsel for Chairman Lamar Alexander on the Senate HELP Committee and Health Policy Director for U.S. Senate Budget Committee Ranking Member Judd Gregg. In these positions, Liz led Committee efforts related to the Affordable Care Act, including conducting budget reconciliation compliance analysis and litigating issues before Senate Parliamentarians.



Clay Alspach

Principal, Leavitt Partners

Clay Alspach is based in Washington, D.C. and specializes in health care policy and advocacy related to the Food and Drug Administration, health information technology, Medicare Parts

B, C, and D, Medicaid, private health insurance, and the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining Leavitt Partners, Clay served as Chief Health Counsel for Chairman Fred Upton of the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee.

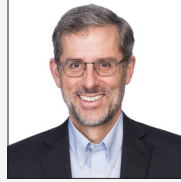


Sara Singleton

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Sara Singleton is based in Washington, D.C. In her role, Sara acts as an advisor to the National Alliance to impact the Social Determinants of Health (NASDOH), in addition to advising clients

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Vince Ventimiglia

President, Leavitt Partners Collaborative Advocates

Vince Ventimiglia leads the Leavitt Partners D.C. office, including the firm's alliances and federal advocacy work. With over three decades of

administration, congressional, and health policy experience, Vince plays an integral role in facilitating relationships with congressional and executive branch offices and providing in-depth analysis of federal government action. He also leads complex, multi-disciplinary collaborations among multi-sector health care organizations seeking to implement significant health care policy initiatives.



David Lee

Director, Leavitt Partners

David provides policy counsel and analysis to clients on issues related to regulations, legislation, and business implications. His work is focused on issues related to government

payers, including Medicare and Medicaid, health care reform, health IT, and other provider issues. Prior to joining Leavitt Partners, David served as director of Regulatory Affairs and Policy for the National Rural Health Association where he directed advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and with administrative agencies on issues related to rural hospitals, clinics, health centers, and other providers. Before working at NRHA, David served on the staff of Senator Robert F. Bennett.



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Josh Trent is based in Washington, D.C. In this role, Josh develops and manages complex, multi-sector alliances and advises clients throughout the health care sector on federal health care

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