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California Department of Justice, Attorney General Xavier Becerra

2017 – Current

Senior Advisor, Health Policy

San Francisco/Oakland/Sacramento, CA

Direct Attorney General's national and state healthcare initiatives, managing cross-divisional teams and strategy

- Advise Attorney General on all healthcare including law, policy, legislation, external affairs, and press
- Created the first ever legal and policy healthcare division, the Healthcare Rights and Access Section—a multidisciplinary, statewide team—helping to secure a budget and staff of forty-five attorneys
- Led development of regulations on California's prescription drug monitoring program focusing on privacy protections for entities access patient data; supported the California Consumer Privacy Act regulation development; and led the development of California COVID-19 guidance on privacy and billing
- Lead national teams of public and private stakeholders to build coalitions, coordinate policy and strategy to support litigation on the Affordable Care Act, Title X and other federal health programs
- Lead Attorney General's work on healthcare competition including the *California v. Sutter Health* settlement which secured policies to prohibit anticompetitive conduct and \$575 million and drafted legislation on provider consolidation; lead all pharmaceutical work including litigation, policy and legislation
- Lead a bipartisan team of attorneys general on a national settlement to prevent and stop the opioid epidemic—crafting national policies to prohibit conduct of companies that contributed to the epidemic and securing billions of dollars for all cities, counties and states nationwide
- Identify solutions to address a continually shifting political and policy landscape navigating external stakeholders including elected officials, policymakers and other key partners for Attorney General
- Speak at events, forums and hearings for Attorney General and serve as a as a spokesperson with the press

United States Senator Patty Murray

2013 –2017

Senior Advisor, Senate HELP Committee

Washington, D.C.

Women's Policy Director, Senate Assistant Democratic Leader

Lead Senate on broad policy issues with a focus on the U.S. healthcare system

- Lead the Democratic Caucus on the Affordable Care Act and health policy issues, advising Senators and staff on all legislation and policy affecting Medicaid, Medicare, public health and other laws affecting private health insurance coverage, convening national partners on national issues for legislative votes and hearings
- Direct Committee's work in overseeing the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) \$800 billion budget, managing the programs, authorization and setting the health policy agenda for the Congress
- Build national coalitions among groups with diverse interests—Congress, federal and state governments, and private partners—successfully organizing and coordinating efforts with national and local stakeholders on legislation and discussing policy, leveraging partnerships, and driving bipartisan consensus and solutions
- Distill and analyze complex topics to develop strategy, messaging, and written materials on public policies; persuasively articulate action steps and lead national initiatives targeting Committee priorities
- Lead time-sensitive, high-pressure negotiations on laws for the Senate by drafting bills and meeting with national stakeholders in the private and public sectors to enhance awareness and support of the laws

Budget Advisor and Counsel, Senate Budget Committee, Washington, D.C.

Drove the development of health policies within the federal budget

- Led all Medicaid, Medicare and Affordable Care Act work for the Committee
- Developed strategy for Congressional hearings by establishing messaging to articulate Senator's priorities and national discussions; assembled witness panels that validated priorities and influenced the public debate

- Negotiated bipartisan health policies on the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 that advanced \$1.2 trillion in federal spending

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

2010 - 2013

Chief of Staff, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, Washington, D.C.

Led development and launch of a new office within the federal government to coordinate Medicaid and Medicare

- Served as Director’s right hand, representing her at senior level meetings and public events, overseeing and managing high priority projects, leading staff of 25, acting as the gatekeeper between stakeholders and staff for Director, and coaching other staff on project development and outcomes
- Created a mission statement and ensured it was practiced through the organization’s daily work; designed first-time policies and procedures; and set up workflows, objectives, and performance metrics
- Led a cross-agency, cross-governmental team to identify conflicts among federal and state laws in Medicare and Medicaid, that created barriers to care for seniors and people with disabilities, using this work as a tool to engage stakeholders and build a national strategy to develop priorities
- Shaped and developed state demonstration projects nationally to allow for better financial and clinical integration in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, providing more cost-effective, quality care

HHS Detailed Staff Member to the Senate Finance Committee, Washington, D.C.

Sent to Congress by the Secretary of HHS to assist Congress with ACA development and implementation

- Directed Committee on ACA implementation, advising on market reforms and Exchanges by bridging Congress with the White House, HHS, and other key federal agencies to partner together
- Led Committee and Caucus on drafting and negotiating key provisions of the ACA
- Prepared Chairman for weekly ACA meetings with the White House Chief of Staff and Secretary of HHS by identifying the issues in the field for stakeholders, building partnerships, and developing policy workarounds to ensure that the law was operational across all sectors

Education

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ

J.D., 2010

- President, Latino Students Association, 2008-2009 - Raised \$40,000 for Latino student fellowships
- Fundraising Director, Law Women’s Association, 2008-2009 - Raised over \$30,000 for legal clinics

City University of New York, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY

M.S., Mathematics Education, 2006

- AmeriCorps Alumni Member and Service Grant Recipient with full tuition waiver
- Serves as 7th and 8th Grade Math teacher, creating and implementing an honors Math program and curriculum in which my students exceeded state and national performance trends

University of Arizona, Eller College of Management, Tucson, AZ

B.S.B.A., Business Economics, 2004

- Student Body Executive Vice President, Associated Students of the University of Arizona, 2003-2004
- Outstanding Minority Business Student of the Year Award

Experiences and Skills

- Biden-Harris Health Policy Committee Volunteer 2020
- One of seven profiled in the *National Law Journal’s* 2015 “The Hill Hot List” as one of the most impactful staffers in “shaping significant policy and legislation” in the United States Congress
- Leader of an international congressional delegation to Taiwan, November 2014
- Intermediate Spanish fluency oral and written

Public Speaking

- Testified at the California State Legislature, Senate Health Committee, Affordable Care Act, November 2020
- Speaker at the National Association of Attorneys General, Healthcare Consolidation, June 2020
- Testified at the California State Legislature, Select Committee on Reproductive Healthcare, March 2020
- Keynote Speaker at the Democratic Attorneys Association General Summer Policy Conference, Fighting for Vulnerable Communities, Health, June 2019
- Keynote Speaker at the California Department of Managed Health Care All Staff Meeting, Attorney General's Health Agenda, October 2018
- Discussion Leader at the Feminist Majority Roundtable on Women's Issues, Protecting Reproductive Healthcare, October 2018
- Discussion Leader at the National Academy of State Health Policy, State Efforts to Combat Rising Healthcare Costs, August 2018
- Keynote Speaker at the State of Reform Conference, Hospital Consolidation and Antitrust, April 2018
- Speaker at the Democratic Attorneys General Association Spring Conference, Rising Prescription Drug Costs, March 2018
- Testified at the California State Legislature, Senate Health Committee, on California's substance-use disorder health system, January 2018
- Testified at the California State Legislature, Assembly Business & Professions Committee, on opioids and California's prescription drug monitoring program (CURES), February 2018
- Speaker at the Democratic Attorneys General Association Fall Conference, What's Next in Healthcare, September 2017
- Guest Lecturer at Washington University in St. Louis, American Politics, Politics of the Affordable Care Act, September 2017
- Testified at the California State Legislature, Assembly Business & Professions Committee, on the California Medical Board for Attorney General, July 2017
- Testified at the California State Legislature, Senate Judiciary Committee, on Nonprofit Hospital Transactions for Attorney General, July 2017
- Testified at the California State Legislature, Senate Health Committee, on Nonprofit Hospital Transactions for Attorney General, July 2017
- Keynote Speaker, Georgetown University, School of Law, Georgetown Journal of Gender and Law, Women's Symposium, November 2016
- Address the Executive Women's Roundtable, discussing upcoming Senate issues in healthcare, 2016
- Speaker at the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association National Conference, Effective Advocacy to Congress, 2015 and 2016
- Guest Lecturer at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Introduction to Health Policy, 2016

References

1. Jacqueline Ayers, Vice President, Government Relations and Policy, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, (202) 779-3371, Jacqueline.ayers@ppfa.org
2. Evan Schatz, Staff Director, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, (206) 920-1731, evan_schatz@help.senate.gov
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