



2025 Women's Executive Health Care Leadership Forum | Agenda

Day 1 | Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Time	Session	Duration
12:30 p.m.	Registration Check-in	30 mins
1:00 p.m.	Mentor, Coach, Lead to Peak Professional Performance Presented by Laurie Baedke , MHA, FACHE, FACMPE	30 mins
1:30 p.m.	Keynote Session: A Conversation with Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Former CMS Administrator, 2021 – 2025 and Laurie Baedke Chiquita Brooks-LaSure shares her personal journey to trailblaze her path all the way to the top of CMS, breaking glass ceilings. We'll hear what's next for her and how she continues to coach, lead, and mentor other women in health care.	60 mins
2:30 p.m.	Elevate & Empower Panel: Women Shaping the Future of Leadership Hear firsthand how these trailblazing leaders used mentorship and coaching to break barriers—and how they now champion others on their journey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristy Berry, CEO, Cenegenics • Alexandra Busto, Healthcare Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP • Coreen Dicus-Johnson, President & CEO, Network Health WI • Willa Prescott, VP Communications, NE Hospital Association • Stacy Stelzriede, retired Partner and Hospitals National Practice Leader, Moss Adams • Sara Bennett, Moderator, Principal, National Healthcare Practice Leader, Business Insurance Division, Marsh & McLennan Agency 	75 mins
3:45 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m.	Mentor, Coach, Lead Roundtable Discussions Engage with others in a roundtable discussion to share recommended practices, inspiring stories, and how to sponsor others on the path to leadership. Facilitated by Laurie Baedke .	45 mins
4:45 p.m.	Networking and Happy Hour	75 mins
6:00 p.m.	Conclusion	



2025 Executive Health Care Conference | Day 2 | Thursday, November 13, 2025

Time	Session	Duration
7:00 a.m.	Registration check-in and breakfast	60 mins
8:00 a.m.	30th Anniversary Conference Kick-off and Welcome Brian Conner, Conference Emcee & Principal, Baker Tilly	15 mins
8:15 a.m.	State of the Health Care Industry: Preparing to Navigate the 2026 Landscape Hear about the current state of health care as we approach 2026, including OBBBA's ripple effects, key federal and state policy shifts, and emerging market forces—providing a look at the shifts ahead. Presented by Ford Koles , Vice President and National Spokesperson, The Advisory Board	90 mins
9:45 a.m.	Networking Break	30 mins
10:15 a.m.	Revenue Strategies to Navigate Medicare, Medicaid, and MAHA Disruption In this high-impact session, our expert panel will dissect the looming challenges and strategic imperatives triggered by significant funding reductions. We'll discuss anticipated Medicaid cuts with parallel shifts in Medicare policy—exploring how to pivot your revenue strategies while managing dual-eligible populations, managed care penetration, and conservative reimbursement models. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyssa Keefe, SVP, Policy, Federation of American Hospitals • Michael Hunn, President, CalOptima Health • Karl Rebay, Principal, Baker Tilly, Health Care Consulting Strategy • Eric Lucas, Managing Director, Hospitals and Health Systems Practice Leader, Baker Tilly, Moderator 	60 mins



11:15 a.m.	<p>Finding Common Ground for Network Access and Stability: Collaboration between Payers and Providers Is Paramount</p> <p>Health care is entering a critical inflection point: looming Medicare and Medicaid cuts, enhanced scrutiny under MAHA, and the operational impacts of OBBBA are creating mounting pressure on both payers and providers. This session will highlight how collaborative models and aligned incentives can drive compliance, protect access, and strengthen networks under evolving federal oversight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coreen Dicus-Johnson, President & CEO, Network Health WI • Eric Klein, Partner & Co-Leader, National Healthcare Practice, Sheppard Mullin • Betsy Suydam, CFO, The Vancouver Clinic • Michael Patti, Principal, Baker Tilly, Moderator 	60 mins
12:15 p.m.	Buffet Lunch and Networking	60 mins
1:15 p.m.	<p>AI Governance, Safety, and Compliance: Mitigate Risk While Reducing Costs, Driving Efficiency, and Enhancing the Patient Experience</p> <p>With the OBBBA removing federal momentum on AI regulation, the responsibility for oversight now falls to states, health systems, industry coalitions, and accrediting bodies. In this timely session, learn the latest from what's happening from the frontlines, as well as practical frameworks for AI governance and credentialing—empowering executives to reduce costs, drive efficiency, and enhance patient experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenton Hill, JD, MHA, Head of Operations and General Counsel, Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) • Garrett Gillespie, JD, CHIE, Chief Compliance Officer, Tufts Medicine • Christina Silcox, Ph.D., Research Director for Digital Health, Duke Margolis Institute for Health Policy • Ed Ricks, MHA, CHCIO, Managing Director, Digital Solutions, Baker Tilly • Larry Vernaglia, Partner, Chair, Industry Teams Department, and Co-chair Health Care & Life Sciences Sector, Foley & Lardner, Moderator 	60 mins



2:15 p.m.	The Tale of Two Administrations: Predictions for Future Federal Health Care Policy Join us for health care policy perspectives from both sides of the aisle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Azar, 24th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2018-2021) • Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, former Administrator, CMS, (2021-2025) • Susan Dentzer, President & CEO, America's Physician Groups, Moderator 	60 mins
3:15 p.m.	Networking Break	45 mins
4:00 p.m.	<i>Political Point-Counterpoint Feature</i> Federal vs. State Policy: What's Next? Engage with this dynamic political powerhouse duo as they predict where health care policy and politics are headed in 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Sununu, 82nd Governor of New Hampshire (2017-2025) • Tim Ryan, US Representative, OH (2003-2023) • Eric Klein, Partner & Co-Leader, National Healthcare Practice, Sheppard Mullin, Moderator 	90 mins
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Happy Hour Reception with Keynotes	90 mins



2025 Executive Health Care Conference | Day 3 | Friday, November 14, 2024

Time	Session	Duration
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	60 mins
8:30 a.m.	Opening remarks	10 mins
8:40 a.m.	Keynote Session: Economic Forecast for 2026 Presented by Andrew Busch , Economic Futurist, Former 1st Chief Market Intelligence Officer for the US Government	60 mins
9:40 a.m.	Break	20 mins
10:00 a.m.	Investment and Diversification Strategies: What's Next for Health Care Health systems, PE firms, and strategic investors are reassessing capital allocation and portfolio strategy amid mounting market, workforce, and regulatory pressures. As margins tighten and transformation accelerates, health care leaders are rethinking their investment theses. From physician enablement to concierge care, AI to digital health platforms, the race is on to diversify, consolidate, and unlock new sources of value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Balogh, CEO, Boomerang Healthcare • Theo Koury, MD, President of Vituity • Brad Rose, VP, Healthcare Partnerships and Growth, Health Assurance Transformation Company (HATCo) • Andrew Colbert, Senior Managing Director, Ziegler, Moderator 	60 mins



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11:00 a.m.	<p>Whole-Person Health in a Post-OBBBA Era: Behavioral Health Access, Reimbursement, and Reform</p> <p>Behavioral health is finally receiving long-overdue policy attention, but major questions remain: Will new rules like the OBBBA drive true integration and reimbursement parity — or add more administrative strain? And how will the July 2025 Executive Order, which mandates rapid response for unhoused populations, affect access, funding, and accountability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Budd, MPS, Sr. Chief Executive Officer/President of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) • Rebecca Farley David, MPH, Senior Advisor, Public Policy & Special Initiatives, National Council for Mental Wellbeing • Sarah Steverman, Ph.D., M.S.W., Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Quality, and Compliance, National Association for Behavioral Healthcare (NABH) • Patrick Yu, Principal, Baker Tilly, Moderator 	60 mins
12:00 p.m.	Conclusion	