

Chris Priest

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Chris Priest is deputy director for Medical Services with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). In this role, Priest also serves as Michigan's Medicaid director overseeing several health care programs, including MIChild and the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Priest comes to MDHHS after working most recently as Governor Rick Snyder's deputy director of Strategy, where he advised the Governor on various issues, including health care and insurance. Previously, he served as the director of the Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation in the former Michigan Department of Community Health, which was responsible for many aspects of the Medicaid program and several health reform issues, and as the project manager involved with the health insurance exchange in the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Prior to these appointments, Priest served in the State of Michigan's Washington D.C. office under former Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, served governors from the State of Indiana, worked with private sector clients on health policy, and worked in the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

Chris holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from George Mason University in Virginia and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University.

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