

**NCSL Legislative Summit 2014**  
**States Cracking the Code on Health Costs**  
**Speaker Biographies**  
*(In speaking order)*

**Senator Richard T. Moore**



Massachusetts State Senator Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) is the Senate President Pro Tempore of the Massachusetts Senate, and is in his ninth full term, having first been elected in 1996. Prior to his appointment as President Pro Tem, Senator Moore was the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing from 2005 – 2013, and was one of the principal legislative architects of the landmark Massachusetts Health Reform law (Chapter 58 of 2006) and the Massachusetts Health Care Cost Containment Law (Chapter 224 of 2012).

The Senator recently served as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) 2010-2011, and is on the Board of the NCSL Foundation. Presently, he serves as co-chair of the NCSL Task Force on International Relations; and is a member of the NCSL Task Force on Federal Health Reform Implementation and the Task Force on Immigration and the States.

Prior to his election to the Massachusetts Senate in 1996, Senator Moore served in the Clinton Administration as Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, D.C. from 1994-1996 and served nine terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1977 – 1994.

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**Dr. Ray Scheppach**

Ray Scheppach served as the project director for the State Health Care Cost Containment Commission, co chaired by former Gov. Mike Leavitt of Utah and Bill Ritter of Colo. He is a Professor and Senior Lecturer in Public Policy for the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia, where he teaches courses on the role of the states in public policy and on government budgeting.

He is the former executive director of the National Governors Association (NGA), serving from January 1983 – January 2011. Before joining the National Governors Association, Scheppach was first assistant director, and then deputy director, of the Congressional Budget Office. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Maine, and holds a PhD in economics from the University of Connecticut.



**Maria Schiff**



Maria Schiff directs Pew's state health care spending project, an initiative of The Pew Charitable Trusts and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. As the lead on Pew's portfolio of work on state health spending, Schiff manages a team of researchers tracking health care expenditures by each state, analyzing factors driving costs up or down, and identifying strategies to achieve better health outcomes at an affordable cost.

Previously, at the National Governors Association, she advised states on the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and conducted research in the areas of health workforce planning and professional scope of practice laws. As a health policy manager for the state of Massachusetts she helped conceive

and execute the legislature's and Governor Romney's 2006 health care reform law. Following her government service, Schiff directed a nonprofit Medicaid managed care plan that enrolled previously uninsured Massachusetts residents. She also has worked as a community hospital administrator. Schiff holds a bachelor's degree in history from SUNY-Buffalo and a master's degree in community health administration from Long Island University.

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## Mary Edwards



Mary Edwards is vice president for public policy for Fairview Health Services. The nonprofit academic health system currently operates ten hospitals, forty eight primary care clinics and numerous specialty clinics in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area and greater Minnesota, providing highly rated health care to more than 400,000 state residents.

Mary Edwards holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing and a master's in public health. She served as U.S. Sen. David Durenberger's health legislative assistant (1985–93); staff nurse at Mount Sinai Hospital, Minneapolis (1981-85); and camp nurse/counselor at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp (1974–81). Edwards' board service includes the Minnesota Partnership Against Tobacco Treatment, American Hospital Association - Midwest Regional Policy Board, Premier Policy Board, University of Minnesota Nursing Scholarship Board, and the Minnesota Public Health Association Board.

An Iowa native, Edwards was born and raised in a Christian family. With a passion for missions, Edwards has used her medical expertise and interest in music on numerous short-term mission trips to Mexico, Russia, Spain, Peru and most recently, Africa. She has traveled to more than 50 countries.