

Senior Policy Consultant, Medicaid Policy and Programs

Position Description

Who We Are

Established in 2005, Aurrera Health Group is a mission-driven national health policy, strategic communications and public affairs consulting firm with deep policy, operational and outreach expertise in public programs. We help our clients navigate, develop, and implement a wide range of health policies related to Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicare, and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Our clients span state and federal Medicaid agencies, county/local health services departments, health care foundations, consumer advocacy organizations, hospitals, health systems, trade associations, and labor unions. While the core of our firm's work has historically been in California, we have recently been involved in projects in a number of other states including Alaska, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington State.

Our firm is rooted in a commitment to improving and strengthening the health care delivery system. We pride ourselves on our relationship-driven approach to customer service, our ability to adapt to changing landscapes, and our innovative spirit. Our mission is to advance access to affordable, comprehensive, high-quality health coverage and care and we pursue clients that enable our firm to stay true to that mission.

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Aurrera Health Group offers a dedicated and fast-paced environment focused on helping a range of clients improve the health care safety net. The incumbent of this position will help clients develop and implement Medicaid policies that drive toward a whole person approach to health care. The Senior Policy Consultant will conduct policy research and data analysis, provide project management and planning support for clients and Aurrera Health Group leadership, contribute to published work products, participate in stakeholder engagement efforts and interact with community members, researchers, providers and advocates.

The Senior Policy Consultant must be able to play a key role in several projects simultaneously and will be asked to assess and address complex policy, technical, and strategic issues that impact our clients. Oral and written communication skills are a critical element of this position. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Working closely with Aurrera Health Group leadership and fellow staff to accomplish company and client goals and objectives.
2. Conducting policy research and analysis for purposes of responding to client requests for information, developing issue papers, briefing materials, and presenting policy and operational recommendations to clients.
3. Briefing Aurrera Health Group leadership and clients, both orally and in writing, on policy issues and research related to client projects.
4. Drafting policy briefs for external publication in conjunction with Aurrera Health Group leadership.
5. Providing project management support in the form of developing and advancing work plans, meeting agendas and other meeting materials.
6. Preparing PowerPoint presentations and informational graphics for and on behalf of clients.
7. Planning and executing stakeholder engagement activities.
8. Supporting the development of business development proposals.
9. Engaging in firm-wide activities such as staff meetings, policy team meetings and annual company retreats.

Location

Aurrera Health Group's main office is in Sacramento, California; with an additional office located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, however our team is working remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Occasional travel will be required; particularly if the applicant is not a resident of California.

Required Qualifications

Must have:

- At least five years of experience in health care policy, with the majority of that time dedicated to Medicaid/safety net issues;
- A commitment to improving access to health coverage and the quality of the health care system;
- A Master's degree in public policy, public health, social work, or a related discipline.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Skills related to effective project management, including strong work ethic, attention to detail, time management, ability to prioritize, problem solving, adaptability, willingness to learn, and a proactive work style.

Must be:

- A quick study;
- Highly reliable and able to manage assignments of various priority and duration;
- Comfortable working independently, but with guidance;
- Able to develop relationships with various kinds of stakeholders, including state and local government, hospitals, advocates, health plans, providers, and consumers.

Preference will be given to those who have:

- Experience working on Medicaid policy issues at the government or health plan level;
- Experience supporting organization leadership;
- Contributed to and/or developed professional health policy publications.

Compensation

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience
- Comprehensive benefit package and 401(k)

To Apply

Please submit the following documents to careers@aurrerahealth.com with the subject line “Senior Policy Consultant Position, Medicaid Policy & Programs”:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three references with phone numbers and email addresses (references will not be contacted unless the candidate is notified)