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Ms. Edwards is currently serving as Interim Director of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD), an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association. Ms. Edwards is also a Principal with Health Management Associates, Inc., a national research and consulting firm which specializes in complex health care policy and program issues.

Ms. Edwards has over 25 years of public and private sector experience in health care financing. She is a nationally recognized expert in Medicaid policy, including managed care, cost containment, long term care, and state and federal reform. Ms. Edwards is a frequent national presenter on Medicaid trends, Medicare Part D, and state health policy challenges. She has extensive experience in leading strategic planning and organizational change initiatives in public agencies. Ms. Edwards joined Health Management Associates, in Lansing, Michigan, as a Principal in 2006.

Ms. Edwards served eight years as director of Ohio's \$12 billion Medicaid and SCHIP program. She served on the federal State Pharmacy Assistance Program Transition Commission regarding implementation of Medicare Part D, served on the National Quality Forum Steering Committee which recommended standards for nursing home care, and was vice chair of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. Ms. Edwards has testified before both the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee regarding state Medicaid/SCHIP programs.