

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CABINET

## EXPERT SUPPORT FOR STATES

Real-time technical assistance for states to tackle health care's biggest policy and strategy challenges



As state advocates and policymakers consider reforms and solutions to address health care's biggest challenges, they may have questions about how to incorporate best practices, leverage existing infrastructure, build on existing progress, and avoid unintended policy consequences.

Recognizing this, United States of Care (USofCare) launched its Technical Assistance Cabinet (TAC) in 2022 to augment state expertise and provide state leaders with targeted, real-time technical assistance from policy and academic experts to help states achieve their legislative and regulatory goals. Facilitated by USofCare, TAC sessions are tailored, off-the-record discussions for state leaders to allow them the opportunity to ask difficult policy, communications, and strategic questions of experts and leverage those discussions to inform policies to improve coverage, reduce hospital prices, lower premiums, and reduce out-of-pocket costs. The TAC sessions provide state leaders a space for advocates, legislators, and regulators to ask questions of experts in real-time and engage in wide-ranging discussion about policy, messaging, and strategy.

THINK TANKS



STATE AGENCIES



POLICY EXPERTS



ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS



STATE LEADERS

By tapping into its extensive network of contacts, USofCare is able to connect experts from think tanks, academia, policy shops, and agencies with states leaders to facilitate lasting relationships and align on strategies and best practices at the state level. In turn, participating experts can use these discussions to promote successful state policies on the national level, spur new research questions, and connect states with others to further their policy goals.

## Previous policy areas of focus:

- Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) oversight
- Corporate practice of medicine
- Reference-based pricing
- Site-neutral payment
- Primary care payment reform
- Public health insurance options

The USofCare TAC brought valuable experience and insight to our health policy discussion. I particularly appreciated the varied backgrounds and knowledge bases of the cabinet members as we explored how private equity has operated in this sector to date and potential options for protecting the healthcare market in our state.

-State legislator

**I've been on a number of calls like this [bringing national folks together with state folks] across a range of issue areas, and this one was particularly good. A real conversation!**

-State advocate

## From Beginning to End: Helping States Achieve Their Policy Goals

The TAC is designed to respond to states' real needs throughout all stages of policy development, from strategic brainstorming to legislative campaigning to regulatory implementation.

**Throughout the TAC planning process, USofCare will work with states to:**

- Identify their central policy, communications, and strategic goals to govern conversation with experts;
- Create a series of questions to guide discussion; and
- Curate a unique roster of TAC expert participants, ensuring that states get what they need from the discussion.

**The 90-minute TAC discussion will provide states with the opportunity to:**

- Frame the conversation with any relevant background and political or policy dynamics;
- Ask questions of the experts throughout while USofCare moderates to ensure the state's goals are met;
- Gain new insights and relationships to help guide future advocacy; and
- Work with USofCare to determine next steps and facilitate connections to resources, policy experts, and states that have pursued similar policies.



## PITCH A TAC TOPIC TO USOFCARE

### Feeling stuck on a policy?

State advocates, legislators, and regulators are encouraged to reach out to United States of Care to discuss how a TAC session can provide the answers and discussion with experts needed to move forward the policies being debated. For more information, please contact Eric Waskowicz, Senior State Policy Manager, at [ewaskowicz@usofcare.org](mailto:ewaskowicz@usofcare.org).