

Keynote Speakers



Anthony Polizzi

Chief Patient Experience and
Innovation Officer, CMS
Digital Services Expert
White House U.S. Digital Service

Anthony Polizzi is the Chief Patient Experience and Innovation Officer at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and a Digital Services Expert at the U.S. Digital Service within the White House, a dual role that sits at the intersection of federal health policy and modern technology delivery. At CMS, he leads the agency's strategy to transform the beneficiary experience, overseeing the Health Technology Ecosystem, ClinicalAI, and a broad portfolio of interoperability initiatives that are reshaping how patients, providers, and payers exchange health information at scale.

Before joining the federal government, Anthony was part of the founding teams of two successful healthcare startups focused on operations, technology enablement, and business growth, giving him firsthand experience with the operational realities that health IT policy has to work in the real world.

Anthony is educated from the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management, Weill Cornell Medical College, and Penn State, with academic and professional focus on the intersection of healthcare, technology, operations, and innovation.

Anthony is known for his ability to convene diverse stakeholders, including providers, payers, EHR vendors, technology companies, and patient advocates, and move them from commitment to delivery. The Health Technology Ecosystem is the proof: open standards, shared participation conditions, and a community that built together, on time, at scale.



Jason Berry

Director, Division of State
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Transformation | CMS

Jason Berry currently serves as Division Director for the Division of State Rural Engagement in the Office of Rural Health Transformation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), working with states to advance rural health policy implementation and strengthen rural health systems. Jason previously served as Regional Administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in Dallas, Texas, providing executive leadership across Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. He strengthened federal, state, tribal, and local partnerships to expand access to care for underserved populations and supported implementation of key federal health initiatives across the region.

Earlier, Jason served as Director of the Food Safety Education Staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service, where he led national consumer food safety education campaigns, behavioral research initiatives, and strategic public-private partnerships. He also held roles at CMS and HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, where he analyzed Medicare and Medicaid legislative and regulatory impacts and supported COVID-19 relief efforts, including oversight of rural health funding programs totaling more than \$6 million.

He began his federal career at the Social Security Administration and served at the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Jason holds a Master of Public Administration from Troy University and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Political Science from Morehouse College.

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Congressman Mark Alford

Missouri's 4th District

Mark Alford is a husband, father, former small business owner and former TV news anchor, and proudly represents Missouri's 4th District in Congress. Alford spent 25 years anchoring Kansas City's #1 morning news show prior to his time in Congress.

His time covering Missouri's top news stories connected him to thousands of Missourian families of all walks of life, providing insight into the issues most important to Missouri families, and the struggles most common to them. It also offered the opportunity to hone his God-given talents as a professional communicator, enhancing his voice to inform, influence, and inspire millions of people across Missouri.

Alford's experience behind the news desk gave him a front row view to the constant attacks against our nation's founding principles from an increasingly liberal, progressive ideology that threatens to undermine our country's values of faith, family, hard work, and individual liberty.

Alford's serves as a megaphone to each and every Missourian in the 4th district, magnifying their voices and their values in Washington, D.C.

Over the years, Alford's voice helped raise millions of dollars for charities both locally and nationally, and served dozens of boards, foundations, churches, civic organizations, families, and strangers. Alford and his wife Leslie have been married 33 years and share three grown children.

After being sworn into the 118th Congress as a freshman member, Alford was selected to the House Armed Services Committee, House Agriculture committee, and House Small Business committee.

For the 119th Congress, Congressman Alford was selected to sit on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he serves as Missouri's voice on critical issues like agriculture, national defense, and small business development. Alford also continues his service on the Small Business Committee this Congress, where he chairs its Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

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Joseph Jankowski, PhD, MBA

Director, Henry Ford Health Innovations

Dr. Jankowski is a recognized healthcare commercialization leader, specializing in early-stage opportunity assessment, regional economic development, and corporate financing and collaboration structuring. In 2012, Jankowski joined Henry Ford Innovations where he works to commercialize intellectual assets of the health system and to utilize its infrastructure to establish co-development collaborations with emerging solution providers. Jankowski is an active contributor to healthcare innovation nationally, serving as an instructor at Case Western Reserve University and a retained advisor to Baptist Health South Florida and Tampa General Hospital. He is a regular reviewer for the federal SBIR and Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs and the Michigan Translational Research and Commercialization Hub.

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Dr. Lisa Fort

VP, Virtual Care Transformation, Ochsner Health

Dr. Lisa Fort is a practicing emergency physician. She attended the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans and subsequently completed an Emergency Medicine residency at Columbia St. Luke's Roosevelt in New York, New York. She is also board-certified in Clinical Informatics and holds a Master's in Public Health in Health System Management from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine as well as numerous informatics certificates including physician builder. Currently, she is the Associate Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Ochsner Health and the System Director of Quality for Emergency Medicine, and recently assumed the role of System Medical Director of Virtual Care. Her professional interests include the application of predictive modeling, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and clinical decision support to drive better outcomes for patients while promoting ease of use for practitioners. She is married to Daniel, a data scientist at Ochsner. They have two lovely daughters Sophia and Sabrina.



Renee Malone

VP, Customer Success, Lumeris

Renee Malone is Vice President of Customer Success at Lumeris, where she leads the customer success and account management organization across the company's national portfolio of healthcare partnerships, driving AI-enabled care transformation at enterprise scale, spanning patient engagement, care team extension, and provider-facing clinical intelligence. She leads customer strategy and value realization that turn technology adoption into measurable clinical, operational, and financial results. Renee brings more than 13 years of experience across every layer of care delivery, from personally delivering care as an ED nurse to leading enterprise technology partnerships across health systems and health plans. Her career spans clinical and operational leadership at Ochsner Health across the ED of the system's largest campus, System Hospital Operations, and Ambulatory Operations; Director of Care Operations at Brightside Health, a nationwide fully virtual behavioral health company, and Head of Customer Success at Siftwell Analytics. Renee holds a Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University Shreveport.

Summit Moderator



Vijay Chauhan

Global Lead, BioSTL

Vijay Chauhan is an experienced Corporate Business Development Executive and a startup CEO of multiple companies in the Healthcare and Ag-Food space. He leads BioSTL Global, to elevate St. Louis' global reputation as a leading US healthcare and Ag-Food industry hub. St. Louis is home to one of the largest concentrations of healthcare delivery corporations and health systems in the USA.

BioSTL Global runs an annual Health Innovation Summit focused on convening and connecting St. Louis and regional healthcare organizations to top global innovation to address their urgent priorities.

BioSTL Global operates a Healthcare Innovation Advisory to help global innovators prepare and successfully scale the USA's large and complex healthcare market.

BioSTL Global launched and runs the first Center for Rural Health Innovation in the USA to build a rural-centric health system that connects top global innovation to rural health systems and communities to improve health outcomes.

Prior to this role, Vijay was an Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) at BioGenerator, BioSTL's investment and venture development organization for Life Science, healthcare and Ag-Food startups. As an EIR, Vijay was the founding CEO of Regenerative Ag company and a Liquid Biopsy Cancer Diagnostics company.
