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**Len Nichols Ph.D.**

Member, CSHS National Advisory Committee

Dr. Nichols, professor of health policy and director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, joined George Mason University in early 2010. He plans to continue the work began he began at the New America Foundation, bridging the worlds of health economics and health services research for health system stakeholders and clinical leaders, elected and appointed policy officials and journalists.

He founded and directed Health CEOs for Health Reform, a group that was pivotal in helping policy makers see that delivery system reform and health insurance reform are necessary and feasible complements.

Dr. Nichols has testified frequently before Congress and state legislatures, published widely in a variety of health journals, and is a popular public speaker on health policy and politics.

Before joining George Mason, Nichols served as the director of the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation, the vice president of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a principal research associate at the Urban Institute, senior advisor for health policy at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton Administration's health reform effort, and chair of the Economics Department at Wellesley College.

He has advised the World Bank and the Pan American Health Organization, as well as various state governments and departments of the U.S. Government.

Because of his reputation as an honest and knowledgeable health policy analyst, he is frequently interviewed and quoted by major media outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, Congressional Quarterly, National Journal, National Public Radio, Lerher News Hour, the British Broadcasting Service, NBC Nightly News, ABC News Tonight, and CBS Evening News. He received his PhD from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1980.

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Director, Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University

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Len Nichols, a health economist and policy analyst, is a professor of Health Policy and the director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. He is the former director of the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation. Before joining New America, Dr. Nichols was the Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute, and the Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton reform efforts of 1993-94. Previously, Dr. Nichols was Chair of the Economics Department at Wellesley College, where he taught for ten years. He also served as a member of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Commission (CPAC) and the 2001 Technical Review Panel for the Medicare Trustees Reports. He was on the advisory panel to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Covering America project and has been a consultant to the World Bank, the InterAmerican Development Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization. Dr. Nichols received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois.

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**Len M. Nichols, PhD**

Healthcare Economist

Director, Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics

**George Mason University**

Len Nichols became Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics (CHPRE) and a Professor of Health Policy at George Mason University on March 1, 2010. As he works to strengthen CHPRE's connections to national, state, and private sector conversations about ways to improve the performance, sustainability, and equity of the US health care system, he continues to bridge the worlds of health policy, health politics, health economics, health services research, and to help make sense of it all for policy makers, private sector leaders, other researchers, and journalists.

Len's most recent prior position was Director of the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation, where he contributed to the national health reform debate through testimony, briefings, writing, news commentary, and public speaking.

He has been intimately involved in health reform debates, policy development, and communication for over 18 years, and is one of the few analysts in Washington that maintains the respect and engagement of elected officials from both sides of the aisle. In addition to testimony Len often is asked to provide technical expertise to members of Congress, governors, state legislators, and other policy officials around the country. He has consistently sought to add moral arguments to the technical health policy debate, and in so doing helps journalists and others remember why the issue is so important to our country. Because of his reputation as an unbiased and knowledgeable health reform analyst, he is frequently interviewed and quoted by major media outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, National Journal, the Wall Street Journal, Time and Newsweek magazines, National Public Radio, Lerher News Hour, the British Broadcasting Service, NBC Nightly News, ABC News Tonight, and CBS Evening News.

As recent as February 2012, Len has testified before both the House Committee on Ways and Means as well as the Senate Budget Committee. Len was recently selected to be an Innovation Advisor to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and is an advisor to the Virginia Center for Health Innovation as well.

He is the Principle Investigator of a 5 year evaluation of CareFirst's Patient Centered Medical Home/Total Care and Cost Improvement program. He has served as Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute and

as the Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Clinton Administration.

Len was also a visiting Public Health Service Fellow at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research during 1991-1992, and prior to that he was an Associate Professor and Economics Department Chair at Wellesley College, where he taught from 1980-1991.