

# Iowa Medicaid Director Mikki Stier Biography



Mikki Stier began her duties as Medicaid Director on May 27, 2015. Stier brings to Medicaid more than 33 years of experience in the health care industry. Prior to being appointed Medicaid Director, Stier worked with hospital startup, restructuring, development and growth in a number of executive positions. Most recently, Stier was the senior executive responsible for external relations at Broadlawns Medical Center. This role included building an external network of business leaders and legislators to support the hospital's operations. She helped develop the hospital's strategic plan and worked regularly with local and national lawmakers on policy issues, and with media on topics of public interest. Stier holds a master's degree in health administration from the University of Colorado, a bachelor's of science in occupational therapy from Colorado State, and serves on a number of local and national boards.

In her work at Iowa Medicaid, Stier manages Iowa's \$4.2 billion Medicaid program. Stier is responsible for providing day to day leadership and direction of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise processes over 46 million medical claims per year and contracts with over 38,000 Iowa health care providers. Iowa Medicaid serves over 560,000 Iowans. Iowa Medicaid is currently undertaking a variety of new endeavors including implementation of the Iowa High Quality Health Care Initiative (transition to managed care), the State Innovation Model grant, implementation of the Affordable Care Act, including the operation of the new Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, along with other projects. In addition, Stier is a believer in strengthening partnerships in the delivery of health care and increasing awareness among policy makers about Medicaid programs.