

TOP HEALTHCARE LOBBYISTS PREPARE FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION

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Lobbyists in Washington are positioning themselves for influence on a range of healthcare issues, and an incoming Congress and administration likely will accelerate that push. So the biggest players will have a lot on their plates in the coming year. The Hill Extra has compiled a list of 10 of the most influential lobbyists in healthcare:

Jeremy Allen, America's Health Insurance Plans

Allen made the list for his health lobbying work for AHIP, where he has worked since 2011. He also worked for Vertex Pharmaceuticals and Johnson & Johnson after spending a year as Health Policy Coordinator for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Bob Filippone, Merck & Co. Inc.

Filippone has been at Merck & Co since 2013 where he now serves as Vice President, Global Public Policy and Government Relations. After a decade working in the Senate, Filippone spent nine years as senior vice president for PhRMA.

Linda Tarplin, Tarplin, Downs & Young LLC

Tarplin co-founded the firm in 2006. Her experience in the White House and Department of Health and Human Services prepared her to be a leading voice on healthcare policy.

Cory Alexander, UnitedHealth Group Inc.

Alexander, who has been with UnitedHealth Group since 2009, previously worked for Fannie Mae and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

Michaela Sims and Jennifer Bell, Chamber Hill Strategies

This powerhouse pair founded Chamber Hill Strategies and help lead the healthcare discussion in D.C.

Tracy Spicer, Avenue Solutions

With more than two decades of political experience, Spicer's Senate experience is invaluable to Avenue Solutions, of which she is a founding partner.

Kenneth Cole, Pfizer Inc.

This former General Motors lobbyist, a major figure in negotiating a bailout between the automaker and the administration, brings his years of experience to the Pfizer team.

Tom Scully and Mark Rayder, Alston & Bird LLP

Scully served as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from 2001-2004, while Rayder brings experience from Capitol Hill and his time as vice president of public policy for the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dan Boston, Health Policy Source Inc.

Boston, one of Capitol Hill's heavy hitters, has strong ties to both chambers of Congress.

Lisa Halpern Paul, District Policy Group

Aside from her congressional experience, Paul has serious healthcare experience from her time with the American Cancer Society and the American Public Health Association.



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