

Speaker Biographies

Timothy L. Ohrum

Director, Legislative Services

The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania

Timothy L. Ohrum serves the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) as Director of Legislative Services. He is responsible for overseeing and developing grassroots advocacy programs and legislative initiatives for member hospitals and health systems throughout Pennsylvania. Additionally, Mr. Ohrum coordinates the association's state and federal political action (HAPAC) activities and newsletters.

As HAP's director, he maintains the congressional relations team program and provides administrative oversight of the grass roots lobbying network for member hospitals and health systems in western Pennsylvania. He also serves as liaison and provides field presence in western Pennsylvania in cooperation with the American Hospital Association (AHA), and the Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania (HCWP).

Prior to joining HAP, Mr. Ohrum served as Finance Director for Congressman Phil English from 1997 to 1999 as well as serving as Congressman English's Executive Assistant from 1994 to 1997. He was Director of District Office Operations for State Senator Melissa Hart from 1990 to 1994 and has been involved in a variety of political campaigns at the state and federal level.

Mr. Ohrum holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Kimberly J. Kockler

Vice President of Government Affairs
Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Kim currently serves as the Vice President of Government Affairs for Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BCNEPA). In her role, she and her team are responsible for serving as the company's liaison to state and federal lawmakers and regulators. She oversees the tracking and analyzing of key health care and health insurance legislation and regulations and advocates public policy positions on behalf of BCNEPA in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. Kim joined BCNEPA in 2000 as the Director of Policy Management. She was named Vice President in October 2006.

Prior to joining BCNEPA, Kim was the Executive Director of the Managed Care Association of Pennsylvania, a statewide trade association representing the interests of the state's major HMOs. She was also previously a Government Affairs Representative for Delta Development Group, Inc., a private consulting firm based in Central Pennsylvania and specializing in economic development and health care consulting.

Kim began her career in 1987 working for the state legislature, specifically serving as an Information Specialist for the state House of Representatives and then as a Research Analyst in the state Senate. During her time working in state government, her responsibilities included writing and analyzing legislation, conducting research on a variety of topics, resolving constituent issues, drafting press releases and newsletters and conducting media events. Kim is a 1987 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a BA in political science. She is married and has two daughters and resides in Harrisburg.

K. James Hunt, CPA

Partner - Coordinator of Health Care Services
Carbis Walker LLP Executive Committee Member

James Hunt is a Partner and Carbis Walker LLP's Coordinator of Health Care Services. During the past fifteen years with the Firm, James has worked with health care entities on a variety of financial and operational engagements. He has extensive experience in auditing health care entities and adding value to the audit process.



His background includes providing services such as Medicare and Medicaid Cost Report preparation; auditing health care organizations, performing operational reviews focusing on improved efficiency; litigation support relative to Medicare and Medicaid appeals; for-profit and not-for-profit tax issues; purchases/sales of health care organizations; evaluation of financing alternatives; evaluation of ancillary department efficiency; health care benchmarking studies; development of health care activity based costing systems; negotiating ancillary vendor contracts; auditing Corporate Compliance Programs; and acting as a member of the Independent Review Organization under Corporate Integrity Agreements.

James maintains extensive involvement with the various regulatory changes that impact both Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. He has used his in-depth knowledge of the various regulatory issues in helping clients maximize reimbursement while maintaining compliance. Additionally, he has led various speaking engagements and written several articles (at both the local and national level) focused on health care finance.

James is a graduate of Grove City College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He also represents the Firm as a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging (PANPHA), and the Pennsylvania Health Care Association (PHCA). He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), and various other professional and industry associations. James has conducted numerous speaking engagements relative to health care finance for state health care associations and state CPA Societies and has written articles for local and national publications. He is a member of the Firm's Executive Committee, which governs policy and procedure for Carbis Walker LLP.

Roderick K. Bogle

Manager – Reimbursement Services

Rod Bogle is a Manager with Carbis Walker LLP's Health Care Services Team, and offers over fifteen years of health care financial and audit experience. For nearly fourteen years, he had served as the Provider Audit Manager for western Pennsylvania with Veritus Medicare Services, the fiscal intermediary for Pennsylvania. During this time with Veritus, Rod was responsible for the Medicare audits of large teaching hospitals and health systems, small and mid-size community hospitals, sole community hospitals, critical access hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, rural health facilities, and other healthcare providers. He has a vast amount of experience in all aspects of health care reimbursement, including the preparation of Medicare and Medicaid cost reports, Medicare appeals, specialized wage index reviews, and reviews of the accounts receivable cycle, specifically as it relates to allowable Medicare bad debts. Rod also worked with small and mid-sized community hospitals to review physician service contracts to ensure that the hospital was maximizing its third party reimbursement.

He also has experience working with a Big Four public accounting firm, including various financial statement audits in the non-profit sector, and as the Vice President of Finance for a health care related non-profit organization. His responsibilities included Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources and Facilities Management, and he has the ability to translate that experience into his consulting engagements for our clients.

Rod is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting. He is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He has spoken at numerous western Pennsylvania Healthcare Management Association meetings, as well as serving on the faculty of the Nursing Home Administrator Certification Program at a local university.