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Len Nichols

Len Nichols, Ph.D. is the Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University and from 1995 until earlier this year, the Director of Health Policy Programs for the New America Foundation.

While at New America, Dr. Nichols worked to expand health insurance coverage to all Americans, while reducing costs and improving efficiency of the overall health care system. Previously he was Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change and Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute, and Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton reform efforts of 1993-94. He also participated as a member of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Commission (CPAC), the 2001 Technical Review Panel for the Medicare Trustees Reports, and the advisory panel to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Covering America project.

Dr. Nichols has been published in a variety of health related journals, frequently called upon to provide testimony to Congress and state legislators, and served as a consultant to the World Bank and Pan American Health Organization.



Stuart Butler

Stuart Butler, Ph.D. is the Vice President of Domestic and Economic Policy Studies for The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that creates and promotes, “conservative public policies based on free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.”

Rather than the current version of federal health care reform, Dr. Butler favors consumer choice and state-led efforts. His work on combining tax reform, health exchanges and state-led reforms led to a 2008 proposal published by the Brookings Institution. Currently he is a regular speaker on the national Fiscal Wake Up-Tour, along with former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker and other “budget realists”, who aim to build public support for decreasing federal spending on Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security.

In addition to testifying before Congress more than a dozen times, and being published in several academic journals and national newspapers, Dr. Butler is the author of three books including *Privatizing Federal Spending* (1985).