

Deborah R. Rivkin (Biography) **Vice President of Government Affairs for Maryland**

Deborah R. Rivkin serves as the Vice President of Government Affairs for Maryland at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and has been with CareFirst since December 2010. She is responsible for state legislative and regulatory activities in Maryland.

Deborah served as Executive Director and chief lobbyist for the League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc., the state trade association for commercial life and health insurers who operate in Maryland, for 21 years prior to joining CareFirst.

She also has served as retained counsel in Maryland for America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), the national association representing nearly 1,300 member companies providing health insurance coverage, and represented the AMERIGROUP Corporation, a managed care organization specializing in the delivery of service to Medicaid recipients and the Children's Health Insurance program.

She is a graduate of the University of Maryland (B.S., cum laude, 1984) and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude, 1987).

Deborah served as Of Counsel to the Baltimore law firm of Funk & Bolton P.A. from 1993 to 2010, where she concentrated in the firm's Government Relations Practice Area, with particular emphasis on the regulation of the life and health insurance industry. From 1987 to 1989, she was associated with the Baltimore law firm of Piper & Marbury. From 1989 until joining Funk & Bolton, Deborah was associated with the Baltimore law firm of Shapiro & Olander.

Deborah is active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors and as Legal Advisor of the Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce, the only regional chamber in Maryland. She also serves on the Boards of Howard County Community College Educational Foundation and the Maryland's Women Heritage Center. She is also a member of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Committee and chairs the Chamber's Health Care Committee. She is a member of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Standing Advisory Committee and is a member of the Greater Baltimore Committee Leadership Class of 2014.