



Stephanie Dyson

VP, Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy at Biogen

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Life In Brief

Ethnicity: Black/African American

Education:

- MA, Political Management & Public Policy, George Washington University
- BS, Nyack College, 2007
- AASN, Nursing, University of the District of Columbia

Work History:

- Vice President, Head of Government Affairs & Policy, Biogen, 2019-Present
- Vice President, Care Delivery Policy, UnitedHealth Group, 2018-2019
- Vice President, Head of Government Affairs & Policy, Achaogen, 2019-2018
- Senior Director, Head of U.S. Policy, Genentech, 2009-2017
- Vice President, Government Affairs & Policy, DaVita (now Healthcare Partners), 2005-2009
- Various Roles, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, culminating in a Senior Level “Box Top” position, 1999-2005
- Manager, Ernst and Young, 1995-1999

Quick Summary

Dyson has a broad and distinguished career working across the health care spectrum: she has held leadership roles in public and private sector experience. She began her career as a registered nurse and a direct caregiver; clinical background and experience positions her to provide unique input and forms the foundation of her perspectives, she has a patient-centric approach-when developing policy and strategy, as well as her interactions with key policy makers and thought leaders.

- Trained as a registered nurse before beginning a policy and consulting career at Ernst and Young
- Provides leadership in the understanding and influencing the changing regulatory and legislative environment, the evolving pricing and reimbursement landscape and its impact to business.
- Served in several offices at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, working on the development and implementation of key program issues including Medicare Part D
- Leadership and lobbying for several health companies including bio/pharm, health plans and End stage renal disease (ESRD/dialysis), on a wide array of issue areas including biotechnology, oncology, neurology, innovative and value based payment, reimbursement and access issues.
- Currently employed by Biogen, one of the world’s first global biotechnology companies focusing on innovative scientific research with the goal over the last decade to defeat devastating neurological diseases by working to develop transformative new treatments in the areas of Alzheimer’s disease, multiple sclerosis, and spinal muscular atrophy.
- Advocate for patient access and health equity and uses social media to promote voting and diversity initiatives; supports events like the Women of Color in Pharma Conference.

Approach and Motivations

Rejects “one size fits all” health care policy to ensure that patients receive individualized equitable care

- Draws on her background as a registered nurse to promote patient-centric approach in public policy.
- Asserts that the “devil is in the details” when it comes to personalized care, ensuring that the



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health care system allows innovation, flexibility, and specialization

- Believes health equity should be included, addressed and considered in all aspects of health policy and healthcare
- Believes that health care delivery and payment should include the patient at all levels



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