

Christopher Jennings

Former Senior Health Care Advisor to President Bill Clinton

Biography

Chris Jennings is a 28-plus-year health policy veteran of the Congress, the White House, and the private sector. He currently serves as president of Jennings Policy Strategies (JPS), a health policy consulting firm that specializes in assisting public and private purchasers as well as other stakeholders secure higher quality, more affordable health care.

Since he left the White House in 2001, he has been a senior health care advisor to four Democratic Presidential campaigns, served as the health care policy advisor to the 2008 Democratic Platform Drafting Committee and served as co-staff director of the 2008-09 Bipartisan Policy Center's (BPC) comprehensive health reform policy project with Mark McClellan for former Senate Majority Leaders' Baker, Daschle, Dole and Mitchell. Currently, in addition to his consulting work, he provides strategic guidance and staff support to private, not-for-profit Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation projects with the Federal-State Implementation Project (F-SIP) and the BPC. He is also a frequent contributor on health reform issues to the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Prior to his current work, Jennings worked in the Clinton Administration White House for eight years. He was President Clinton's senior health care advisor for six years and was associated with notable contributions toward the enactment and implementation of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Work Incentive Improvement Act and a host of Medicare reforms. In the first two years of the Clinton Administration, he served as congressional liaison to First Lady Hillary Clinton during the development and deliberations around the Health Security Act (HSA). Prior to his White House service, Jennings served in the U.S Senate from 1983 to 1993 as health advisor for three Senators, including David Pryor's work as Chairman of the Aging Committee, member of the Finance Committee and member of the Pepper Commission.

