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Katy Spangler of Spangler Strategies brings over 15 years of experience working in Washington, DC to clients seeking assistance navigating Capitol Hill, the White House, and the federal agencies. Spangler Strategies utilizes a deep knowledge of health care policy, successful advocacy, and diverse coalition building to support clients by working on a wide variety of health care issues, including preserving and strengthening employer-provided health coverage and promoting value-based insurance design and value-based payment reform. Katy is Senior Advisor to the [American Benefits Council](#) and the Alliance to Fight the 40, a coalition established to protect employer-provided health coverage. Spangler is also Co-Director of the Smarter Health Care Coalition, a diverse group of stakeholders focused on integrating benefit design innovations and consumer engagement within broader delivery system reform in order to better align coverage, quality, and value-based payment goals. Katy also serves on the Advisory Board to The University of Michigan Center for Value-Based Insurance Design.

Before forming Spangler Strategies, Katy served as Senior Vice President, Health Policy for the American Benefits Council, a trade association based in Washington, D.C. representing primarily Fortune 500 companies that either sponsor or administer health and retirement benefits covering more than 100 million Americans. Katy directed the development and advocacy of The Council's health policy priorities, and led the Council's efforts to establish the Alliance to Fight the 40, a diverse coalition comprised of public and private employer organizations, consumer groups, patient advocates, unions, businesses and other stakeholders championing repeal of the 40% "Cadillac Tax" and protecting employee health benefits.

Katy has distinctive knowledge and extensive understanding of the Affordable Care Act, having served as Deputy Health Policy Director of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee during the health care reform debate, working for Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY), who during Katy's tenure, was both the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee and a member of the Finance and Budget Committees. While working at the HELP Committee, Katy successfully negotiated one of the few unanimously accepted, bipartisan amendments to the health care law giving employers greater flexibility to vary health benefits for employees participating in wellness programs.

In addition to being an expert on health insurance issues and health insurance exchanges, Katy has a deep background in health information technology issues. She briefly served as the Director of the American Health Information Community within the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the George W. Bush Administration.

After leaving Capitol Hill, Katy cofounded VBID Health, a consulting company that specializes in designing and promoting health benefit plans and payment policies that get more health out of every health care dollar. She also served as a Senior Advisor to The University of Michigan Center for Value-Based Insurance Design. Katy earned a bachelor's degree in economics from The University of Tulsa.