

## **Jessica Farb's Bio**

Jess Farb is a Director on the International Affairs and Trade (IAT) team, where she leads the Countering Overseas Threats portfolio of work. She also leads the Health Care team's Research Support Group. Jess served for 15 years in the Health Care team, where she led numerous engagements on Medicare payment policy and other health care financing issues. Her extensive Medicare payment work has included detailed analyses of Medicare's physician payment systems, as well as payment reforms for hospitals, dialysis providers, ambulance suppliers, and skilled nursing facilities.

Jess Farb's reports helped inform policymakers in their deliberations on the long-term sustainability of the Medicare program, and resulted in savings of over \$15 billion. In 2011 and 2012, Ms. Farb served as a detailee to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. During her detail, she developed several pieces of Medicare payment reform legislation, including the initial draft of the "doc fix" bill, whose final passage ended years of legislative gridlock on the issue.

Throughout her GAO tenure, Ms. Farb has been recognized with numerous awards, including a Meritorious Service Award in 2010 and a Managing Director's Award for exceptional performance in 2007. She received her master's degree in international development studies from the George Washington University and holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a bachelor's degree in social science education from Appalachian State University.