

Biographical Summary of Matt Hudson
District 80
Florida House of Representatives

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2007, Matt Hudson represents District 80 which includes portions of Collier and Hendy Counties in Southwest Florida. He is chairman of the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, a role in which he oversees \$31 billion, or 43% of Florida's annual budget. He also serves as vice-chairman of the Select Committee on PPACA, and nationally he serves as co-chairman of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Health Committee and as a member of the NCSL Health Reform Task Force.

Chairman Hudson serves on the Select Committee on Health Care Workforce Innovation and the Health & Human Services Committee. He is proud of his record of passing complex legislation directly addressing the challenges in his district and for the state as a whole, including overhauling Florida's Department of Health and increasing access to healthcare providers in rural and underserved communities.

Chairman Hudson managed a health and human services budget that endured \$1 billion in decreased revenue during the recession. Without raising fees or collecting additional taxes, the Chairman balanced the state's healthcare budget by instituting meaningful review and re-organization of healthcare agencies to provide for timelier services in higher quality settings. His chairmanship is marked by fiscal responsibility and innovation in access and delivery of health care to Florida's most vulnerable populations.

Chairman Hudson began his healthcare career as a store manager at Walgreens and retired from the company after 20 years of service. During his management career, he was also a board-certified pharmacy technician. His exposure to health care delivery started even earlier as both of his parents were licensed pharmacists and practiced for over four decades before retiring.

Currently, Chairman Hudson is a licensed real estate broker with VIP Realty Group and is an instructor at the Naples School of Real Estate. He is very active in the Collier community having served on numerous boards and commissions. He also served as an elected Fire Commissioner from 2002 – 2007.