

Amir Bassiri, Medicaid Director, New York State Department of Health

Biography

Amir Bassiri serves as the Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Health Insurance Programs and as the Medicaid Director for the New York State Department of Health. In that role, Mr. Bassiri is responsible for policy direction, day-to-day strategy, operations, and management for all New York State public health insurance programs, including the Medicaid and Child Health Plus programs.

Mr. Bassiri joined the Department of Health in 2019 as Chief of Staff to the Medicaid Director and subsequently served as the Deputy Medicaid Director before being named Medicaid Director in 2022. He oversees the operation and performance of nine Medicaid Divisions, comprised of more than 1,000 State staff, over 500 contracted staff, and the management of over 300 contracts, including some of the State's largest technology, actuarial, and financial audit contracts.

Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Bassiri served as Senior Policy Advisor for Health in the Office of the Governor of New York, under the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Bassiri serves as the East Regional Representative on the Board of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. He earned his Master of Social Work from Columbia University and his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Psychology from the University of California, Davis.