

As President and CEO of Purchaser Business Group on Health (PBGH), Elizabeth Mitchell works with the country's largest employers to implement high quality, affordable health care for more than 21 million American workers and their families.

She previously led innovation as Senior Vice President for Healthcare Transformation at Blue Shield of California, a non-profit health plan, during which time she designed Blue Shield's strategy for transforming practice, payment, and community health.

Mitchell also served as the President and CEO of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), a non-profit network of regional health improvement organizations across 50 states.

For five years, she served as CEO of Maine's business coalition on health, working with the largest employers and public purchasers in Maine from Bath Iron Works to the University of Maine system to improve health care quality and affordability and to improve economic opportunity for Maine businesses and families. She was recognized by MaineBiz as an economic leader.

Elizabeth was a senior executive at MaineHealth leading their employer and government relations and leading transparency and quality improvement initiatives.

In 1994 Elizabeth was elected to the Maine State Legislature, serving two terms as a State Representative from Portland and including one term as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Elizabeth started her policy career at the National Academy for State Health Policy in Portland, Maine before receiving a fellowship from the British Council to study international health policy at the London School of Economics. While in London she also served as the lead public affairs liaison for the Nuffield Trust, a health philanthropy.

Elizabeth is a well-known national speaker and has had multiple federal appointments and policy leadership roles and has testified before Congress numerous times. She served as Vice Chairperson of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee, Board and Executive Committee Member of the National Quality Forum (NQF), Member of the National Academy of Medicine's "Vital Signs" Study Committee as well as the Study Committee on incentives in the U.S. health care system. She was a Guiding Committee Member for the CMS' Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network. She currently serves as a Committee Member of the National Academy of Medicine's initiative to change incentives in U.S. health care and as a Board Member of California's Office of Health Care Affordability.

Elizabeth holds a degree in religion from Reed College and studied social policy at the London School of Economics. She is a mom of four and grandmother of Clementine and Lolly.