

Biosketch:

The Honorable. Donna M. Christensen retired from the U S House of Representatives in 2015 where she served nine terms. She is the first female physician to serve as a Member in the history of the U.S Congress. In the 111th, 112th and 113th Congress Delegate Christensen served on the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Among other subcommittee assignments, she served on its Subcommittee on Health during the development of the ACA. She also served on this Committee, the Committee on Natural Resources, for 12 years, Ranking member on the Subcommittee on Parks and Public Lands for several years and Chair of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Wildlife, Oceans and Fisheries. She was a member of the Select and Standing Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Small Business. Congresswoman Christensen chaired the Congressional Black Caucus' Health Braintrust for 16 years. She is a Graduate of the George Washington School of Medicine and completed her residency in family medicine at Howard University Medical Center.

Congresswoman Christensen began her medical career in the Virgin Islands in 1975 as an emergency room physician and became a board certified family physician in 1977. She served in several public health administrative positions including, before going to Congress, as Commissioner of Health. She maintained a private practice in family medicine from 1975 until her election to Congress in 1996. Today she serves as a consultant to the Emerging Technology Consortium. Former Congresswoman Christensen is a member of the Boards of the Black AIDS Institute, the American Kidney Fund, Consumers4 QualityCare, Institute for Gene Therapies and Frederiksted Health Care, Inc, an FQHC. She recently established the Christensen Institute for Community Health and Empowerment. Until this month she served for 2 years as a Public Health Advisor to the Virgin Islands Department of Health,