

Elizabeth Curda

Ms. Curda is a Director for the Education, Workforce, and Income Security team at the Government Accountability Office, focusing on federal disability program issues at the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, and the Railroad Retirement Board, among others. Ms. Curda's work related to the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has involved numerous reports related to: VA's disability medical exam program, processing of claims related to toxic exposures, disability compensation process reforms, training of disability claims processors, the Veteran Readiness and Employment program, benefits appeals processes, financial exploitation of veterans with disabilities, and VBA regional office performance. She also oversees continuous monitoring of VBA's progress in addressing its high-risk issues for disability compensation.

Prior to 2017, Ms. Curda was an Acting Director on GAO's Health Care team where her work focused on behavioral and other health care issues, including preventing illicit drug use, overprescribing of opioid medications, the use of medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders, and VA oversight of provider credentialing. In addition to her Health Care work, Ms. Curda led an interdisciplinary GAO team in developing a framework for how the federal government could develop an inventory of federal programs to increase transparency and accountability and aid efforts to address duplication, overlap, and fragmentation. Prior to July 2015, Ms. Curda was an Assistant Director for GAO's Strategic Issues team where she led audits and advised agency officials and GAO teams on the use of strategic planning and other leading performance management techniques to achieve results. Ms. Curda's wide-ranging body of work informed the 2010 modernization of the Government Performance and Results Act.

Prior to joining GAO in 1992, Ms. Curda held senior analyst positions at the New York City Office of Management and Budget and the consulting firm, National Economic Research Associates. Ms. Curda holds a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Smith College.