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Kristi Martin offers policy expertise and strategic counsel to advance impactful health policy, with a focus on improving health and well-being through practical solutions. She has dedicated more than 20 years to this work, gaining valuable experience in the public sector, private sector, and philanthropy. Currently, she is a principal at Highway 136 Consulting. Throughout her career, Martin has held significant roles that demonstrate her expertise. Most recently, she served as chief of staff and senior advisor to the deputy administrator in the Center for Medicare at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In this capacity, she was instrumental in advancing regulatory policy in Medicare and implementing the Inflation Reduction Act, including the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program. Prior to her role at CMS, Martin served as vice president for health care at Arnold Ventures, where she led the philanthropy's prescription drug pricing portfolio. She also held the position of managing director of Waxman Strategies' health practice, working closely with Congressman Henry Waxman on health policy outcomes. Notably, as a senior advisor in the Obama administration's Office of Health Reform, she oversaw the implementation of cross-cutting departmental public health and prevention initiatives under the Affordable Care Act. Martin earned an M.A. from the University of Kentucky and an M.P.A. from the George Washington University.