

Guest Speaker – Larry Simon, MD, MBA, FACS Interim Senior Medical Director and Managing Medical Director for Medical Policy and Appeals Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana

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Dr. Larry Simon is the Interim Senior Medical Director and Managing Medical Director for Medical Policy and Medical Appeals for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA), where he also serves as the Medical Director for Coding and Reimbursement and Chair of the Credentialing and Medical Quality Management Committees. He is a member of the AMA CPT Editorial Panel, serving on the Executive Committee and as Co-Chair of the Molecular Pathology Advisory Group and Genomic Sequencing Procedures Workgroup. He also chairs the Medical Director's Forum for both the Louisiana Association of Health Plans and the National Anti-Fraud Advisory Board of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Prior to joining BCBSLA, Dr. Simon served in numerous leadership roles for the American Academy of Otolaryngology, the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Dr. Simon is an alumnus of Louisiana State University, Baylor College of Medicine, Rady Children's Hospital, and the BI Moody College of Business Administration at the University of Louisiana. A diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Simon has over 15 years of experience in Health Policy and Healthcare Reform, and he has presented over 170 lectures and seminars on these topics.

A Rotarian, an animal rescuer, a member of multiple civic boards, and a patron of the arts, Dr. Simon enjoys spending his time outside of work serving his community, helping the animal shelters and abandoned dogs of Louisiana, and travelling and enjoying life with his wife and their family and friends.