



## Subject Matter Expert Margot Thistle, J.D.

### Expertise

- Health insurance marketplaces
- Medicare and Medicaid policy

Ms. Thistle has extensive experience consulting on health insurance marketplace (Marketplace) policy garnered through her work leading the operational and policy planning for the state-based Marketplace in Vermont, as well as her work on the New Hampshire partnership marketplace. She provided policy, legal, and technical support for all Marketplace requirements as a member of the Vermont Health Connect policy team, and served as the lead presenter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for all plan management requirements and functionality. Ms. Thistle has been working for the past two years with the state of New Hampshire on plan management marketplace policy and operations.

Ms. Thistle currently uses her Medicaid experience gained while working in Vermont and on Massachusetts health care reform efforts to guide New Hampshire through the drafting and planning for the submission of an 1115 Premium Assistance Waiver.

### Experience

Prior to joining PCG, Ms. Thistle was Health Insurance Exchange Project Director for the state of Vermont. In this role, she served as the liaison between the Department of Financial Regulation and Vermont Health Connect for state-based Exchange plan management functionality, and commercial insurance integration. She also provided policy, legal, and technical support for all Exchange requirements as a member of the Vermont Health Connect policy team and served as the lead presenter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for all plan management requirements and functionality. Ms. Thistle also served as Senior Fiscal Policy Analyst for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### Awards and Affiliations

Ms. Thistle was the 2009 Public Interest Law Grant Award Recipient and serves in the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association.

### Education

Ms. Thistle received a J.D. from New England Law, Boston and a B.A. from Tufts University in Medford, MA.