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Dr. Atkins serves as NPHI's Chief Policy Officer, overseeing the team responsible for policy development, regulatory affairs, and advocacy. He was previously Executive Director of both the Long-Term Quality Alliance (LTQA) and the National MLTSS Health Plan Association. In 2013, he was the Staff Director for the Federal Commission on Long-Term Care. Prior to that, he headed U.S. Public Policy at the global pharmaceutical manufacturer Merck.

Dr. Atkins is a veteran of more than 40 years of health and social policy analysis, policy development, and legislative representation at the local, state, and federal levels. He directed Public Policy at Schering-Plough Corporation; was founder and President of Health Policy Analysts, Inc., a firm providing consultation on pharmaceutical, health benefits, and health care reimbursement issues; was Executive Director of the Corporate Health Care Coalition, an alliance of Fortune 100 companies on federal and state health reform issues; and headed a health and benefits policy practice in the Washington office of the New York law firm Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam and Roberts. During the 1990s, Dr. Atkins served on two quadrennial Social Security Advisory Commissions – 1991 as a Commission member and 1995 as a member of the Technical Panel.

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