# **AARON MCKETHAN**

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis (August 2007)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)

Public policy analysis and health care policy

# **B.A. in Political Science** (*with honors and distinction,* 1999)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)

Political science

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trustee, North Carolina State Employee and Retiree Health Plan, Office of the State Treasurer

Resident Scholar, Margolis Center for Health Policy, Fuqua School of Business, Duke University (2016-)

**Asst. Adjunct Professor**, Health Policy and Management, Gillings School of Global Public Health (2015-)

**Co-Founder & Executive Vice President for Strategy and Business Development** (2011-present) RxAnte, LLC, a health care analytics company delivering predictive and decision analytic technology to providers, insurers, and others to improve medication outcomes. RxAnte was founded in 2011, received venture funding in 2012, was acquired by a large California-based personalized medicine company in 2013, and spun back out as an independent company with growth equity financing in 2016.

### **National Program Director** (2010-2011)

Beacon Communities Program Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Washington, DC

- Direct a \$250 million federal health IT demonstration program with regional coalitions of advanced delivery systems, health plans, physician practice organizations safety net providers, and states in 17 markets throughout the United States to achieve improvements in efficiency, quality, and health
- Supervise a team of Federal employees and \$4 million/year in technical assistance contracts

## **Research Director** (2008-2010)

The Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform The Brookings Institution Washington, DC

- Lead Brookings health care analyst in the development of bipartisan package of proposals sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Bipartisan Policy Center to lower long-term health care cost growth ("Bending the Cost Curve: Effective Steps to Address Long-Term Health Care Spending Growth"); the result of this project was called "required reading" by the Washington Post)
- Lead staff member on Brookings' national efforts to pilot "accountable care organization" and other innovative payment models in several locations throughout the United States

Senior Associate (2006-2008)

The Lewin Group (Health Care Management Practice)

 Consulting practice focused on Medicaid managed care financing, consumer-directed health care, and pay-for-performance programs

# **Director of Research** (1999-2002)

Docrates, a North Carolina-based health care startup company delivering provider physician practice management software (Boone, NC)

#### PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

Lynn, J, McKethan, A, Jha, A. "Value-Based Payments Require Valuing What Matters," *Journal of the American Medical Association*. September 2015.

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McKethan A. "Critical Connections Between Health Care and Economic Development in North Carolina" *North Carolina Medical Journal*, May-June 2007.

McKethan A, Gitterman G, Feezor A, & Enthoven A. "New Directions for Public Purchasers: Responses to Looming Challenges." *Health Affairs*. November 2006.

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#### OTHER SELECTED POLICY PAPERS AND REPORTS

Hester J, Lewis J, McKethan A. "The Vermont Accountable Care Organization Pilot: A Community Health System to Control Total Medical Costs and Improve Population Health." May 2010. The Commonwealth Fund.

McKethan A, Shepard M, Kocot SL, Brennan N, Morrison M, Nguyen N. "Improving Quality and Value in the U.S. Health Care System." Brookings Paper, with the Bipartisan Policy Center. August 2009.

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McKethan A, Savela T, Joines W. "What Public Employee Health Plans Can Do to Improve Health Care Quality: Examples from the States." January 2008. The Commonwealth Fund.

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# **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Board member, HOPE International (2016-)

Board member, Choral Society of Durham (2016-)