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Debbie is a highly respected health policy authority who helps clients advance their missions in Congress and beyond. With more than three decades of experience working both on the Hill and with the health insurance exchange marketplace, she helps clients execute payment strategy, see around the corner on policy and regulatory changes, and pursue effective advocacy. In addition, Debbie has deep experience working closely with payers, industry stakeholders and government officials at the federal, state and local levels. During her 24 years as a Congressional staffer. Debbie served most recently in a joint position as chief of staff to U.S. Representative Pete Stark (D-CA), and as a professional staff member on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways & Means, Health Subcommittee, Debbie was integrally involved in the creation and movement of health legislation through the committee, with a focus on improving and protecting Medicare. She was a key staffer in the development of the Affordable Care Act and worked closely with the administration and other Congressional committees and leadership on the implementation of the law. Debbie joined M+ from the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority, where she was part of the founding team that established and operated DC Health Link, the District of Columbia's online statebased health insurance exchange marketplace. In that capacity, she worked closely with stakeholders, advocates and government officials at the local and federal levels and led the Authority's interactions with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.