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Ronald E. Bachman is a Senior Fellow of the Center for Health Transformation (CHT) and a respected actuary with extensive experience in healthcare strategy for payers, providers and employers. Ron comes to CHT from PricewaterhouseCoopers where he was a partner who consulted with a broad range of clients including: employers, HMOs, hospitals, physicians, indemnity carriers, BlueCross BlueShield plans, as well as State and Federal Agency clients.

In recent years, Ron has focused on the market evolution of consumer-centric health plan. For several years, Ron worked on special projects with CHT and Speaker Gingrich on health policy issues and market transformation ideas. Ron worked closely with the Bush White House and Treasury on the language and principles of the 2002 Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) guidelines. In 2003 and 2004, Ron worked through CHT to provide policy input on Health Savings Accounts (HSA). Ron has consulted with various government agencies on national health issues and legislative and regulatory proposals. He has served as a designated expert on actuarial issues to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Congressional Budget Office, the Department of Labor, the National Institute of Mental Health, and several members of Congress.

At CHT, Ron is working on several key issues including a program for dramatically decreasing the uninsured in the United States, improving benefits for mental health patients, creating the concept of Consumer-centric Medicare/Medicaid, and the expansion of market-based consumerism.

An expert on mental health policy, Ron serves as a key resource on that issue for several members of Congress. He has testified in over 25 states on the costs of mental health. He produced several financial studies and analyses of national and state proposals for mental health parity. Ron is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries Mental Health Parity Work Group that produced the report entitled, "Mental Health Parity: Often Separate, Usually Unequal." He is on the Board of Directors of the National Mental Health Association of Georgia.

Ron is the author of several publications, including "Consumer-Driven Healthcare – The Future in Now", "Giving Patients More Control" published by the National Center for Policy Analysis. He has written numerous articles such as, "Boomers Will Revise an Aged, Ineffective System" and "Consumer-centric Medicare" both articles co-authored with Newt Gingrich, founder of the Center for Health Transformation.

A Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, Ron obtained a Masters in Actuarial Science from Georgia State University and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from the Georgia Institute of Technology.