

Jed Ziegenhagen

Long-Term Services and Supports Division Director, Health Programs Office Deputy Director

Jed Ziegenhagen is the Deputy Director for the Health Programs Office and Division Director for Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS). In that role, Ziegenhagen has leadership and management responsibilities for programs that deliver supports and services to elders and individuals with disabilities. Ziegenhagen is responsible for the Medicaid aspects of the transformation of LTSS by ensuring that the Department is able to execute the recommendations of the Community Living Advisory Group, established by Governor Hickenlooper's Executive Order D 2012-027.

By understanding both data and business models, Ziegenhagen is a visionary who seeks to get to the root of the issues facing the Department and LTSS. Through his leadership, the LTSS Division is transforming current processes to improve access to services and cost effectiveness.

Prior to joining the Department's Executive Team, Ziegenhagen served as the Director of Rates and Analysis; prior to this he served as the manager of both the Rates Section and the Data Section. Under Ziegenhagen's management, the division successfully developed rate structures that created provider incentives that are more efficient and have reduced clinically unwarranted variation in utilization. Ziegenhagen served as a spokesperson for the Department on issues around data policy. He publicly championed changes to reimbursement methodologies that were designed to forward the Department's mission to improve health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources.

He has been working for the Department for 15 years. Prior to working for the Department he was a staff member for a community centered board, providing hands on services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Ziegenhagen received his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Colorado Denver and his BA in Economics with Honors from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.