



FELLOW PROFILE

Fellow's Name:

Alison Takkunen

Fellow's Partner Organization:

National Conference of State Legislature – Health Program

What are your main responsibilities as a PIFP fellow?

My main responsibilities include researching and preparing information related to primary care, Medicaid/CHIP and long-term services and support policy in response to legislative requests, writing briefs about trending health care policy and helping with website development.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in your fellowship so far?

The most interesting thing I have learned so far is how state governments function and the heart within state legislatures. The state legislators and staff that I have had the pleasure of coming into contact with are really wonderful people and care so much about the work they are doing within their states.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?

I wanted to become a PIFP Fellow because I am interested in learning about policy—policy making and policy analysis. I especially wanted to better understand the processes behind informed policy making and felt the PIFP fellowship could provide an opportunity to do so.

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?

I enjoy reading, cooking and going on lots of walks.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?

Most people would be surprised to know that in 5th grade my friend and I sold our orange peels to our classmates as "desk fresheners." We were young entrepreneurs.