

Dr. Jerome Michael Adams

BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

Personal Information

Jerome Michael Adams

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Education

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Baltimore, MD ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

AND

Indiana University School of Medicine: Doctor of Medicine

Indianapolis, IN ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

AND

University of California, Berkeley: Master of Public Health

Berkeley, CA ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

Work Experience

October 2014 – Present: Indiana State Health Commissioner ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

January 2009 – Present: Physician- Anesthesiologist, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, Indiana University Health ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

QUESTIONS FOR JEROME ADAMS

Political Vulnerabilities

Expansion of Medicaid/Embracing of Obamacare

Background: Adams position as the Indiana State Health Commissioner meant he oversaw Indiana's expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare.

- **Do you have any reservations embracing the President-elect's plan to fully repeal and replace Obamacare?**
- **How do you value fiscal responsibility versus meeting the healthcare demands of the American public?**

Business/Medical Associations

Background: Like many successfully medical professionals, Adams is member of a variety of medical associations which have historically at times taken political positions and also maintain business relationships.

- **Do you believe any of your current memberships with medical associations or business relationships would create a conflict of interest should you join the administration?**

- **Are you willing to temporarily cease existing relationships with certain groups or associations should the President-elect's team find it necessary?**

Policy Questions

Opioid Epidemic

Background: Adams has been a vocal advocate in the fight against the opioid abuse epidemic and has testified before Congress on the matter.

- **How would you advise the President to approach the opioid epidemic from a health and treatment perspective?**

General Prescription Drug Abuse

Background: Adams has been a vocal critic of pharmaceutical companies for certain marketing techniques which he asserts contribute to individual drug abuse.

- **Are you willing to following the President's messaging strategy as it pertains to the pharmaceutical industry, whatever that may be?**

Department of Health and Human Services

- **Do you have a plan to go about dismantling the Affordable Care Act and are there any policies or programs that you would want to keep for future plans or as standalone initiatives?**
- **What would you prioritize in the formulation of a new healthcare plan?**
- **The repeal of the Affordable Care Act will leave many Americans without insurance and unsure about future insurance prospects. What safeguards would you implement to ensure that people who still want coverage are able to get it while new policies are created and implemented?**
- **What role do you see HHS as playing with regards to private insurance companies? Is it a regulator or a facilitator?**
- **What changes would you make to Medicare to keep costs down while keeping the program intact for those who rely on it?**
- **What reforms, if any, would you suggest to the Medicaid program, such as eligibility changes or expansion of coverage, and how would you keep costs down given these changes?**
- **HHS oversees the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in addition to other social service programs. Politics aside, will you commit to running that program as efficiently and effectively as possible?**
- **The FDA is under the purview of HHS. Would you suggest any changes in how the FDA regulates and classifies its material?**

TRUMP-PENCE

Trump

No Known Statements

Pence

No Known Statements

RNC

RNC

No Known Statements

Priebus

No Known Statements

GENERAL CONTROVERSY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

Obamacare

On Twitter, Adams Shared An Article That Highlighted A Poll That Found More Voters Cared About Drug Costs Than Obamacare. (Jerome Adams, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/28/16)



Medicaid

In 2015, Indiana Expanded Medicaid Under Obamacare. “Last year, Pence reached an agreement with the Obama administration to expand Medicaid in Indiana, taking advantage of the Affordable Care Act, the president's controversial health-care reform.” (Max Ehrenfreund, “Republicans Hate Obamacare. But Mike Pence Expanded It In Indiana,” [The Washington Post](#), 7/15/16)

Indiana’s Plan, Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0, Differs From Other State Medicaid Expansions As It Is Based On More Conservative Principles. “The program in Indiana known as the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 is built on a smaller coverage program started by Pence's predecessor, Mitch Daniels. The expanded Medicaid program began last year and extends coverage to low-income adults up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$16,400 for an individual. About 345,000 Hoosiers were enrolled as of January. Indiana's program requires beneficiaries to pay into health savings accounts. It's based on the conservative principle that people should have ‘skin in the game’ as added incentive to stay healthy, and to discourage overuse of the health care system.” (Rachana Pradhan, “How Mike Pence Embraced Obamacare,” [Politico](#) 7/15/16)

Adams Has Touted Indiana’s Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0, And Noted That Medicaid Expansion Has Increased Costs In Other Many States Who Accepted The Expansion Of The Program Under Obamacare. (Jerome Adams, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/6/16)



Indiana HIV Outbreak

In 2015, Indiana Saw An Outbreak In Confirmed Cases Of HIV. “State health officials released updated figures about the outbreak last week. They said there have been 55 total confirmed cases of HIV spread across five Southern Indiana counties since mid-December, as well as 13 other suspected positive tests. When the outbreak was first disclosed in February, officials said there were 26 positive cases then. The

cases are believed to be tied to the use of the painkiller, Opana. That drug is a prescription opiate and is injectable.” (Richard Gootee, “Advocate Stresses Importance Of HIV Testing,” *Evansville Courier & Press*, 3/25/15)

Local, State, And National Health Officials Encouraged Then-Gov. Mike Pence (R-IN) To Distribute Clean Needles To Slow The Outbreak, Despite A State Law That Says It Is Illegal To Possess A Syringe Without A Prescription. “Local, state and federal health officials were urging the governor to allow clean needles to be distributed to slow the outbreak. But Indiana law made it illegal to possess a syringe without a prescription. And Mr. Pence, a steadfast conservative, was morally opposed to needle exchanges on the grounds that they supported drug abuse.” (Megan Twohey, “Mike Pence s Response To H.I.V. Outbreak Prayer, Then A Change Of Heart,” [The New York Times](#) 8/7/16)

Like Pence, Adams Was Concerned About Permitting A Needle Exchange, A Program That Would Give Clean Syringes To Drug Abusers Who Turn In Used Syringes. “The debate over needle exchanges, in which clean syringes are given to drug abusers when they turn in a used one, has raged since 1988, when Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina, persuaded Congress to ban the use of federal money for such efforts. Mr. Pence, who declined to be interviewed for this article, supported the ban during his six terms in the House. And Indiana was among nearly two dozen states to criminalize the distribution or possession of syringes without a prescription. Even when the H.I.V. outbreak hit, it was hard for Mr. Pence and other Indiana officials to consider lifting the prohibition. ‘There are people who have real moral and ethical concerns about passing out needles to people with substance abuse problems,’ Dr. Adams said. ‘To be honest, I shared that sentiment.’” (Megan Twohey, “Mike Pence s Response To H.I.V. Outbreak Prayer, Then A Change Of Heart,” [The New York Times](#), 8/7/16)

Prescription Drug Epidemic

Adams Seemed To Align Himself With Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) When He Called On The U.S. Food And Drug Administration To Join The Candidate In Criticizing The Drug Industry’s Marketing Tactics. “Adams said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration must share in the criticism that Kaine directed at the drug industry’s marketing tactics. ‘Every drug has to be FDA-approved. So we can blame it on the pharmaceutical companies, but at some point we have to look at who’s getting approved for what,’ he said.” (Brian Francisco “Opioid Abuse Risk Over Prescription,” *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, 2/25/16)

NOTE: Adams’ Brother Is A Drug Addict. “Adams, who said his brother is a drug addict, also called for better practices, education and communications across an opioid chain of federal regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical companies, medical schools, health care providers, patients and prescription monitoring programs.” (Brian Francisco “Opioid Abuse Risk Over Prescription,” *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, 2/25/16)

Infant Mortality

Under Adams, The Indiana State Department Of Health “Identified Reducing Infant Mortality...As A Top Priority.” “The Indiana State Department of Health has identified reducing infant mortality, which is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday, as a top priority.” (“Helpline Launches TO Help Moms,” *Boonville Standard & Newburgh Chandler Register*, 2/25/16)

Abortion

No Known Statements

Stem Cell Research

No Known Statements

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Political Affiliation

According To GOP Data Center, Jerome M. Adams Is Listed As An Unaffiliated Voter In Hamilton County, IN. According To Nexis, Jerome M. Adams' Voter Registration Is Not Available. (GOP Data Center and Nexis, 11/21/16)

VOTER INFO		
<u>Registration Status</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	
Registered	10/1/2003	
<u>Official Party</u>	<u>Observed Party</u>	<u>Calculated Party</u>
Unaffiliated	N/A	2 - Weak Republican
<u>Absentee Status</u>	<u>Primary Absentee</u>	<u>General Absentee</u>
No Data Provided	No Data Provided	No Data Provided
<u>State Reported Ethnicity</u>	<u>Modeled Ethnicity</u>	<u>Observed Ethnicity</u>
No Data Provided	White / Caucasian	No Data Provided

Adams Has Testified Before The House And The Senate

In 2015, Adams Testified In Front Of The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Oversight And Investigations Regarding The Opioid Abuse Epidemic. INDIANA STATE CHEALTH COMMISSIONER JEROME ADAMS: "Chairman Murphy, Ranking Member DeGette, and members of the Committee, especially Representatives Brooks and Bucshon from the State of Indiana, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Jerome Adams, and I am the Indiana State Health Commissioner, as well as a practicing physician anesthesiologist at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. On behalf of Governor Mike Pence and the people of Indiana, it is my honor to appear before you to discuss the important issue of combating the opioid abuse epidemic in our states and nation." ("What Are The State Governments Doing To Combat The Opioid Abuse Epidemic?" House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Oversight And Investigations Hearing, 5/21/15)

In 2016, Adams Testified Before The Senate Special Committee On Aging And Discussed The How Seniors Are Not Immune From The Drug Overdose Epidemic. "Drug overdoses are at an all-time high in Indiana and many other states, and seniors are not immune,' Indiana Health Commissioner Dr. Jerome Adams told the Senate Special Committee on Aging. 'Older adults are inextricably - and often unknowingly - linked to the increased availability of prescription opioids.'" (Maureen Gropp, "Seniors Not Immune To Opioid Epidemic," *The Indianapolis Star*, 2/25/16)

- **Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) Invited Adams To Testify.** "Donnelly, a member of the aging committee who invited Adams to testify Wednesday, has pushed HHS to review whether patient satisfaction surveys are contributing to overprescribing. The surveys, which affect hospitals' reimbursement rates for Medicare, ask patients whether hospital staff did 'everything they could to help you with your pain.'" (Maureen Gropp, "Seniors Not Immune To Opioid Epidemic," *The Indianapolis Star*, 2/25/16)

Adams Was Invited To The White House And Other Government Agencies

Adams Was Invited To The White House, The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, The US Department Of Health And Human Services, And The National Academy Of Sciences To Discuss Healthcare. "Dr. Adams has been invited to testify before both the US Senate (Committee on Aging) and the US House of Representatives (Energy and Commerce), and has been an invited presenter and/or participant in healthcare discussions at The White House, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC), the US Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Academy of Sciences.” ([Indiana State Department Of Health](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

DONATIONS

According To Open Secrets, Jerome Adams Has Donated To The Indiana State Medical Association. ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

ADAMS, JEROME	STATE OF INDIANA	3/11/2016	\$250	Indiana State Medical Assn
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BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

Associations

Adams Chaired The Professional Diversity Committee For The American Society Of Anesthesiologists. “Adams chairs the professional diversity committee for the American Society of Anesthesiologists and serves on the executive committee for the Indiana State Medical Association.” (“Pence Names Adams Indiana’s Health Commissioner,” *The Associated Press*, 10/8/14)

- **In 2013, Adams Was Featured In A Video For The Organization.** (“When Seconds Count,” [American Society Of Anesthesiologists](#), 9/30/13)
- **In 2014, The American Society Of Anesthesiologists Supported Four Democrats.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

Candidate	Party	State	Office	Total	For	Against	Results
Arkoosh, Val	D	PA	House	\$300,390	\$300,390	\$0	Lost in primary
Barr, Andy	R	KY	House	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	Winner
Benishek, Dan	R	MI	House	\$101,200	\$101,200	\$0	Winner
Bera, Ami	D	CA	House	\$109,293	\$109,293	\$0	Winner
Hope, Patrick	D	VA	House	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$0	Lost in primary
Mathis, Chad	R	AL	House	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	Lost in primary
Ruiz, Raul	D	CA	House	\$171,433	\$171,433	\$0	Winner

In February 2016, Adams Was A Featured Speaker At An Indiana Health Forum Event Co-Hosted By The U.S. Chamber Foundation. ([U.S. Chamber Foundation](#), Access 11/21/16)

- **Although The Chamber Opposed Obamacare, It Supports Fixing The Law Rather Than Repealing It.** “The country’s best-known business association this week decided not to endorse the bill by Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-Ala.), which earned support from all but three House Republicans. The Chamber’s stance on the repeal bill is indicative of an increasingly popular view among conservatives that the best approach to ObamaCare is fixing the law instead of putting on a political show.” (Sarah Ferris, “Chamber Of Commerce Didn’t Back Obamacare Repeal Bill,” *The Hill*, 2/6/15)

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Lobbying

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Bankruptcy

According To Nexis, In November 2000, Jerome Michael Adams Filed For Bankruptcy. (Nexis, Accessed 11/21/16)

Bankruptcy Information - 1 records found	
1: INDIANA SOUTHERN - INDIANAPOLIS	
Name: ADAMS, JEROME MICHAEL	Petitioner Information
Address: [REDACTED]	
SSN: [REDACTED]	
Type: INDIVIDUAL - INDIVIDUAL	
Bankruptcy Information	
Case Number: 0013415	
Court: INDIANA SOUTHERN - INDIANAPOLIS	
Filing Date: 11/02/2000	
Filing Type: CHAPTER 7	
Meeting Date:	
Meeting Time: 0930	
Status Information	
Status: CLOSED	
Status: DISCHARGED	
Status Date: 05/11/2001	
Status Date: 02/13/2001	
Trustee Information	
Name: KRUDY, THOMAS A	
Address: [REDACTED]	
Attorney Information	
Attorney 1	
Name: MATTHEW P MARZ ATT AT LAW	
Address: [REDACTED]	
Attorney 2	
Name: MARZ, MATTHEW P	
Address: [REDACTED]	

Liens

No Records Found. (Lexis, Accessed 11/21/16)

Judgments/Liens - 0 records found