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Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., M.P.H. is medical director of public health at Pfizer, Inc. A nationally known leader in her field, Dr. DeBuono is a driving force behind Pfizer's efforts in the health literacy arena.

Dr. DeBuono served as the New York state commissioner of health from January 1995 through November 1998, where she shaped a health care reform agenda that included developing the state's comprehensive Medicaid Managed Care program. Previously, Dr. DeBuono oversaw public health programs and health promotion activities as director of disease control and state epidemiologist for the Rhode Island Department of Health, establishing the nation's first comprehensive breast cancer screening and quality assurance program and authoring comprehensive AIDS legislation.

Recently named clinical professor of medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. DeBuono currently serves on the advisory committee to the director of the Centers for Disease Control, the boards of the National Academy for State Health Policy and Center for Health Policy Studies, and the advisory committee to the Health Care Financing Organization.

Dr. DeBuono received her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Rochester, New York, completing her medical internship and residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. She also received a master's degree in public health from Harvard University, and then served as a fellow in infectious diseases at Brown University Medical School's Affiliated Hospitals Program in Providence, Rhode Island. She is board certified in internal medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

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