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Haltmeyer oversees regulatory and policy development for BCBSA, working on a broad range of issues important to Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies, health insurance reform, exchanges, benefit requirements and government programs (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, FEHBP). He joined BCBSA in November 1996.

With more than 25 years of experience in strategic analysis, policy development and federal representation, Haltmeyer has contributed to the debates on each of the major laws impacting health plans in recent years. These include the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Prior to joining BCBSA, Haltmeyer was a health policy analyst with Blue Cross of California and Anthem. He worked on issues impacting older adults with state government and research organizations in California. Haltmeyer has a master's degree in health service administration and a master's degree in gerontology from the University of Southern California.