## **Steve Ports**

Steve has served as Principal Deputy Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission since 2001. His primary roles with the Commission involve overseeing the Commission's quality pay for performance initiatives, governmental relations, and operations. These programs include the Commission's hospital-acquired condition and quality-based reimbursement programs as well as policies related to community benefits.

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