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Biographical Sketch

Joe Quinn

Joe Quinn is Senior Director, State Healthcare Policy for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Wal-Mart is the largest employer in the United States with more than one million people covered on its health plans. As a director at Wal-Mart, Quinn is involved in the national effort to make health benefits as affordable and accessible as possible to the company's 1.3 million associates in the United States. Quinn works jointly with the Wal-Mart benefits design team and the public affairs group.

Quinn was part of the Wal-Mart team that rolled out the innovative \$4 generic drug program that is changing the healthcare landscape in America. For this work he was one of the 2007 co-winners of the companies Sam M. Walton Entrepreneur Award.

Prior to joining Wal-Mart in 2006 Quinn was Director of Policy for former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. Quinn was responsible for the development of the Healthy Arkansas Initiative that became Healthy America when Huckabee was elected Chairman of the National Governors Association, and was instrumental in the development of the nationally acclaimed ARKids First program that reduced the number of uninsured Arkansas children by half.

In 2002 Quinn was Director of Communications for the successful Huckabee reelection campaign. Prior to that Quinn was Director of Communications for the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Before entering public service Quinn was an award winning television journalist with the CBS TV affiliate in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Quinn and his wife Shannon live in Rogers, Arkansas with their two children.