

Charles E. Saunders, M.D.
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Dr. Charles E. Saunders, M.D., joined Aetna on Jan. 31, 2011, as CEO of Healthagen, formerly known as Emerging Businesses. In this role, he is responsible for leading the strategic diversification of Aetna's products, services and global opportunities. He is helping Aetna achieve its goals of identifying new growth opportunities and developing market strategies that can help the company profitably manage quality and cost for its customers. Dr. Saunders is a physician and an accomplished business executive with expertise in health care services, information technology, and business process operations.

Dr. Saunders came to Aetna from Warburg Pincus, one of the world's largest and oldest private equity firms, where he served as an executive in residence. In that capacity, he provided strategic leadership in assessing and pursuing growth opportunities in health care services and health care IT. Before that, he was the chairman and CEO of Broadlane, Inc., a technology-enabled health care services company that specializes in supply chain and clinical workforce management for hospitals and their affiliated physicians.

He has held a number of other significant leadership positions during his career, including president of EDS Healthcare Global Industry Solutions; chief medical officer of Healtheon / WebMD; principal of A.T. Kearney; and executive director of San Francisco General Hospital Managed Care Programs. He has served as an Emergency Department and Emergency Medical Services medical director.

Dr. Saunders received a B.S. in biological sciences from the University of Southern California and an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. He has served on the faculty of several universities, including the University of California, San Francisco; Vanderbilt University; and University of Colorado. He has authored papers and articles in emergency medicine and was the editor of several editions of the widely-circulated textbook, Current Emergency Diagnosis and Treatment.