

Dr. David Lechner is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana's VP Healthcare Delivery & CMO.

Born and raised in Billings as a third-generation Montanan, Lechner graduated from Carroll College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and medical school from the University of Washington School of Medicine (WAMI) in 1989. He completed a residency in Family Medicine in Spokane, Washington.

Lechner returned to Helena, Montana, in 1992 practicing Family Medicine including operative obstetrics and hospital care. He moved to Community Medical Center in 2011 as President of the Community Physicians group and later assumed the additional role of Chief Medical Officer at Community Medical Center. While there, he helped develop Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) programs, integrated behavioral health and pharmacy programs while successfully implementing strategies within the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) home-based primary care model. As CMO, he oversaw all management of physicians and medical staff, including credentialing, peer review, inpatient utilization review, case management, social work, Medicare and Medicaid programs, quality, and risk.

Dr. Lechner joined BCBSMT as CMO serving as the clinical leader for the Montana Plan overseeing Wellbeing Management & Total Health Management, and partners with our Network team to advance Value Based Care in Montana. In February of 2021, he was promoted to Vice President, Healthcare Delivery & CMO, taking on the additional responsibility of the Network team.

Lechner and his wife, Kerry, have two children.