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William Saunders, JD, is Acting Director of the Office of Research, Development and Information (ORDI) at the *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)*. He directs CMS research and evaluation studies related to Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), development of Medicare demonstration projects, and production of CMS program information for policy makers and researchers.

Mr. Saunders had more than 33 years of experience in a wide range of analytic and management positions at CMS and its predecessor the *Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)*. Most recently, he served as Deputy Director of *ORDI*, Director of the *Systems, Technical and Analytic Resources Group* in ORDI, where his responsibilities included management of the agency’s research budget, development of Medicare and Medicaid program statistics, and publication of the *Health Care Financing Review*. Among his previous responsibilities, he served as Chief of the *Long Term Care Coverage Branch*, where he managed research and demonstration projects examining innovations in home health and community-based long term care services. Mr. Saunders earned his JD from the *University of Maryland at Baltimore*.