



## Kenric Murayama, MD, MBA



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**Dr. Murayama** is currently EVP and Chief Health Officer for HMSA, a member of BCBSA. He recently left his roles as Chair of the Department of Surgery for the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii and Chief of Surgery for the Queen's Health System in Honolulu. In his role with HMSA, he provides oversight for the clinical integration team, utilization and medical management, pharmacy, behavioral health, and community health and equity. He is actively involved in building relationships with the provider community and health systems statewide. Dr. Murayama is actively involved with HMSA's efforts in value-based care and payment transformation and has a strong interest in efforts to ensure access to high quality, cost-effective care for the people of Hawaii.

Dr. Murayama, a native of Hawai'i, did his undergraduate studies at the University of Washington and obtained his medical degree at JABSOM. He completed his surgery training at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, during which time he completed a two-year research fellowship in pancreatic physiology.

Dr. Murayama began his academic surgery career at the University of Nebraska and has subsequently been on the surgical faculty at Saint Louis University, Northwestern University, the University of Hawai'i, and the University of Pennsylvania. He is past Chair and Program Director at Abington Memorial Hospital in Pennsylvania and Adjunct Professor of Surgery at Temple University School of Medicine.

Dr. Murayama's clinical interest is minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery with a focus on laparoscopic treatment for benign esophageal disorders, abdominal wall hernias, and morbid obesity and its metabolic consequences.

Dr. Murayama has a longstanding commitment to surgical education and leadership development in surgery. He has served as Residency Director at Abington Memorial Hospital and developed the Quality, Outcomes, and Performance Improvement Committee to engage residents and emphasize the importance of patient safety and quality improvement in their journey of lifelong learning. As Medical Director of the operating rooms, he led the initiative to create a corporate model for the department of surgery across two institutions. In that capacity, he was actively involved in operational and strategic planning and implementation with specific goals of improving efficiencies, cost containment, and program development.