

Terrisca Des Jardins

Executive Director

Terrisca Des Jardins is a seasoned, award-winning and nationally recognized executive, with nearly 30 years of experience in health care. She has served non-profits, for-profits, government and philanthropic entities, payers, purchasers, providers, consumers, universities, and cross-sector partnerships, among others. As a strategic and compassionate leader, she advances organizations, innovative initiatives, and scalable programs to better individual, community, and population health.

Des Jardins is executive director of the [Center for Health and Research Transformation \(CHRT\)](#) at the [University of Michigan](#). In this role, she leads CHRT's vision, strategy, advancement, and operations.

Prior to joining CHRT in 2020, Des Jardins was chief operating officer of the [Physician Organization of Michigan Accountable Care Organization \(POM ACO\)](#), a Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO with 4,500 Michigan providers and 50,000 Medicare enrollees. In this role, Des Jardins facilitated a comprehensive organizational overhaul and strategic planning process, launched the ACO's learning health system and a nationally-recognized Medicare enrollee advisory committee. She helped to save tens of millions of dollars for the federal government, taxpayers, and the ACO, while significantly improving the quality of care for the ACO's Medicare enrollees.

As director of the Southeast Michigan Beacon Community initiative from 2011–2013, Des Jardins led a series of pilot studies—funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,—to advance population health and diminish health and health care disparities by addressing the social determinants of health, incorporating community health workers into care teams, leveraging health information technologies, and recommending other strategies.

Des Jardins has also held significant leadership positions with United Physicians, Ingenium, the Greater Detroit Area Health Council, the Southeast Michigan Partners Project, and Health Management Associates.

Her contributions have been recognized by the United States Surgeon General, the National Kidney Foundation, the National Partnership for Immunization, the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission, and Crain's Detroit Business (40 under 40 and Notable Women in Health Care 2020).

Des Jardins received a master's degree in health services administration from the [University of Michigan School of Public Health](#).