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Jessica Waltman is vice president of compliance at MZQ Consulting. She has more than 20 years of experience in health insurance markets and is considered an industry-wide expert on the complex laws and regulations essential to maintaining a compliant employee benefits arrangement. At MZQ Consulting, she leads the compliance consulting and services team, providing subject matter expertise and spearheading a variety of business initiatives. In addition to her work at MZQ, in 2015, Waltman launched Forward Health Consulting, where she has advised dozens of brokers, employers, associations and benefit technology firms about health reform and business strategy issues. Waltman designed and served as the principal author and instructor for a ten-part certification program for health insurance agents, brokers and consultants, Employer Sponsored Plans in a Post-ACA World, and wrote the accompanying textbook. Frequently consulted as a source on health care policy and compliance issues, Waltman has provided contributions to The New York Times, USA Today, The Washington Post, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Forbes, NPR, C-SPAN and many others. Previously, Waltman worked on public health policy issues with a private contracting firm, was senior vice president of government affairs at the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) and did a brief stint on Capitol Hill. Waltman currently serves as chair of NAHU's future issues advisory council and is the legislative chair of the Pennsylvania Association of Health Underwriters. She is also on the leadership team of the Wonder Women in the Health Insurance Industry mastermind group and serves on the board of trustees of the National Insurance Producers Registry. Waltman earned her degree in political science and nonfiction writing magna cum laude from Drew University.