

**MEDICAID EXPANSION IN HEALTH REFORM:  
NATIONAL AND STATE ESTIMATES OF COVERAGE AND COST**

**Speaker Biographies**

**John Holahan**

Dr. Holahan is director of the Health Policy Research Center at the Urban Institute. Much of his work over the last 30 years has focused on the Medicaid program, as well as state health policy more broadly, and issues of federalism and health. These include analyses of the recent growth in Medicaid expenditures, variations across states in Medicaid expenditures, changes in federal – state matching formulas and Medicaid restructuring.

Dr. Holahan has developed proposals for broad health system reform, most recently in Massachusetts. He has recently written on the concept of a public plan to address the issues of insurer and provider consolidation, and on cost containment more generally. He has also published research on the reasons for the growth in the uninsured over the past decade, as well as research on the effects of proposals to expand health insurance coverage on the uninsured themselves and on costs to federal and state governments.

**Diane Rowland**

Diane Rowland is the Executive Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Bloomberg School of Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University and is the newly appointed Chair of the Congressionally-established Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC).

Dr. Rowland has directed the Kaiser Commission since 1991 and overseen the Foundation's health policy work since 1993. She is a noted authority on health policy, Medicare and Medicaid, and health care for poor and disadvantaged populations and frequently testifies as an expert witness before the United States Congress on health policy issues. Her federal health policy experience includes service on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration (now Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services). Dr. Rowland is a nationally recognized expert with a distinguished career in public policy focusing on health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations. She has published widely on these subjects and is the editor of several books.

Dr. Rowland holds a Bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Doctor of Science in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University.

### **Robin Rudowitz**

Robin Rudowitz is a principal policy analyst for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, focusing on Medicaid financing issues. The commission, a project of the Kaiser Family Foundation, functions as a policy institute and forum for analyzing issues related to health care coverage and access for the low-income population, and assessing options for reform.

Since joining the commission in 2004, Ms. Rudowitz has been responsible for identifying policy opportunities, developing and overseeing some of the commission's research, and developing and writing commission publications. Earlier, she was a senior manager at The Lewin Group, where she worked on a variety of health policy and delivery issues related to safety-net providers, Medicaid payments and the uninsured. From 1999 to 2001, she served as the Medicaid director in the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Prior to that, she worked for the District of Columbia's chief financial officer, overseeing funding for the District's Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and public health programs. Ms. Rudowitz was educated at Cornell University, where she earned her undergraduate degree and a master's in public administration.

### **Alan Weil**

Alan R. Weil, J.D., M.P.P., has been executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy since September of 2004. Previously, Mr. Weil served for seven years as director of the Assessing the New Federalism project at the Urban Institute, one of the largest privately funded social policy research projects ever undertaken in the United States. He has also held a cabinet position as executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; was health policy advisor to Colorado Governor Roy Romer; and was assistant general counsel in the Massachusetts Department of Medical Security. He is the editor of two books: *Welfare Reform: The Next Act* and *Federalism and Health Policy*, and has authored chapters in a number of books and published articles in journals including *Health Affairs* and *Inquiry*.

Mr. Weil was an appointed member of President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry, which drafted the patient's bill of rights. He is a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, the Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System, and serves on advisory committees for three Robert Wood Johnson Foundation projects. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Public Health and Hospitals Institute, and a member of the editorial boards of *State Health Watch* and the journal "Health Affairs."

Mr. Weil is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and received his M.P.P. degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.