



# THE KAISER COMMISSION ON **Medicaid and the Uninsured**

## **Medicaid Financing and Fiscal Management: A Discussion of the Current Federal-State Partnership and Program Integrity Washington, DC**

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**Victoria Wachino, MPP**, is Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. An expert in health care for low-income people, Ms. Wachino specializes in the Medicaid program, especially how the financing of the program affects health care coverage. Her recent work has focused on the impact of state budget and revenue shortfalls on the Medicaid program. Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Ms. Wachino served as senior advisor to the Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget. She has also worked on health and welfare programs at the state and local level for the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms. Wachino is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she earned a Master's degree in Public Policy, and of Mount Holyoke College.

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