



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

### **The Cost of Care for the Uninsured: What Do We Spend, Who Pays, and What Would Full Coverage Add to Medical Spending?** Washington, DC

#### **Speaker Biographies**

**Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA**, is a graduate of Xavier University, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. Regina Benjamin chose to return to the region that she grew up in, starting a family practice in Bayou la Batre, Alabama (a small shrimping village along the gulf coast). After several years moonlighting in emergency rooms and nursing homes to keep her practice open, and with an MBA from Tulane under her belt, Dr. Benjamin converted her medical office into a small rural health clinic dedicated to serving the large indigent population in her community. Her extraordinary dedication and self-sacrifice have already won Dr. Benjamin national recognition. In 1995, she became the first African-American woman, and the first person under 40, to be elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees. Dr. Benjamin also serves on the Board of Physicians for Human Rights. Dr. Benjamin is a 1998 Mandela Award Winner, a former Kellogg National Fellow, has been featured as ABC Television's *Person of the Week*, and in 1996 was chosen by CBS *This Morning* as *Woman of the Year*.

**Jack Hadley, PhD**, is a Principal Research Associate with The Urban Institute's Health Policy Center and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Studying Health System Change. He was formerly a Professor of Health Services Research with Georgetown University's Institute for Health Care Research and Policy. Dr. Hadley is also a past President of the Association for Health Services Research and a former Editor of *Inquiry*, a professional journal devoted to health services research and policy. Dr. Hadley's research emphasizes the application of econometric analysis to a variety of issues in health care organization and financing: determinants of health insurance coverage, the consequences of lack of health insurance, physician and hospital payment, medical education financing, hospital efficiency, access to care, assessment of the outcomes of medical treatment, and the effects of managed care on health care delivery systems. He is currently conducting research on the private health insurance system, the costs to society of having a large proportion of the population uninsured, the impact of the safety net on access to care, and the determinants and effects of physicians' financial incentives.

**John Holahan, PhD**, is director of the Health Policy Research Center at The Urban Institute. He has managed numerous health research projects in the last 25 years and authored many books and papers on health policy. Much of his work 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, and the implications of block grants, and expenditure caps and changes in matching formulas on states. He has also published research on the reasons for the growth in the uninsured over the past decade and on the effects of proposals to expand health insurance coverage on the number of uninsured and the cost to federal and state governments. He has recently completed a monograph on the impacts of options for expanding health insurance for children. Other research interests include health system reform, managed care, physician payment, and hospital cost containment.

**Jack Meyer, PhD**, is founder and president of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), a nonprofit research organization pursuing a broad range of studies evaluating health and social welfare programs. ESRI specializes in studies aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of social programs, improving the way health care services are delivered and financed, and making quality health care accessible and affordable. Meyer's recent work includes an evaluation of new models to reduce the number of uninsured, assessments of emerging trends in employer-sponsored health coverage, studies of states' initiatives to manage care for people with disabilities, and an evaluation of innovative purchasing strategies developed by coalitions of private employers and government purchasers. Meyer's recent publications include *Covering America: Real Remedies for the Uninsured*, prepared under a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In addition to his work at ESRI, Meyer is also founder and president of New Directions for Policy, a Washington, DC research and policy organization that develops, analyzes, and evaluates health care issues and other social policies for business and government.

**Wilhelmine Miller, MS, PhD**, is a senior program officer at the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Over the past four years she developed and co-directed the IOM study on the consequences of uninsurance, which produced a series of six reports on the subject that were released between October 2001 and January 2004. Her earlier IOM projects included evaluation of and recommendations for federal immunization financing policy, and a symposium on the treatment of evidence-based medicine by the courts. Currently she directs a study commissioned by the Office of Management and Budget to make recommendations regarding the use of cost-effectiveness analysis by federal regulatory agencies. Prior to joining IOM, Dr. Miller was an adjunct faculty member in the Departments of Philosophy at Georgetown University and Trinity College, Washington, DC, where she taught political philosophy, ethics, and public policy. She received her doctorate from Georgetown in 1997, with studies and research in bioethics and issues of social justice. In 1994–1995, Dr. Miller surveyed contemporary human subject research protections as practiced by federal agencies for the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments. From 1976-1989 she served as a policy analyst and social scientist within the Department of Health and Human Services, responsible for policy development and regulatory review in areas that included hospital and HMO payment, Medicare and Medicaid prescription drug benefits, and child health. She received her M.S. degree in health policy and management from Harvard University in 1976.

**James J. Mongan, MD**, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Partners HealthCare, a position he assumed on January 1, 2003. He is also Professor of Health Care Policy and Professor of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. From 1996-2002, Dr. Mongan served as President of Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), the largest and oldest teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Before his tenure at MGH, Dr. Mongan served 15 years as Executive Director of the Truman Medical Center in Kansas City and as Dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Prior to that, he spent 11 years in Washington, DC. He served as a staff member of the United States Senate Committee on Finance for seven years, working on Medicare and Medicaid legislation, and he served in the Carter Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health and then at the White House as Associate Director of the Domestic Policy Staff. Dr. Mongan is a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences. He served on the IOM's Consequences of Uninsurance Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on the Societal Cost of Uninsured Populations. He chairs the Commonwealth Fund Health Care Reform Program Advisory Committee. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association, the Kaiser Family Foundation and was a member of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission of the US Congress. A native of San Francisco, Dr. Mongan received his undergraduate education at the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University, and his medical degree from Stanford University Medical School. He completed his internship at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco and served two years in the public health service.

**Diane Rowland, ScD, (moderator)** 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 associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Rowland is a noted authority on health policy, Medicare and Medicaid, and health care for low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged populations and has published widely on these subjects. 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. 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.