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Julie Ann James is a principal in the Washington, D.C. consulting firm Health Policy Alternatives, Inc. (HPA). She joined the firm in 1998 with more than twenty-five years experience in health services research, planning and policy. At HPA she provides consulting services to a broad array of clients including hospital, physician, health insurance, pharmaceutical, and medical device companies and associations, consumer groups, and other organizations interested in federal health policy. Before joining HPA, she was the Chief Health Policy Analyst for the Senate Committee on Finance. In this capacity she was

responsible for overseeing all health policy issues within the jurisdiction of the Committee, including Medicare, Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and health system reform issues. Prior to joining the Finance Committee staff in 1991, Julie was involved with health policy in the state of Oregon. She began her career as a research assistant at the Kaiser Health Services Research Center. She was active in health planning in the state, first as the Associate Director of the regional health-planning agency, Northwest Oregon Health Systems, and later as a Governor's appointee to the Oregon Health Council, which she chaired for a year. She also served as Vice-Chairman of the Oregon Certificate of Needs Appeals Board. Other positions in Oregon included being Associate Director of the Oregon Comprehensive Cancer Program and working as an independent consultant on health and other public policy issues.

Jocelyn Guyer is an associate director at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured where she works on issues related to the Medicaid and SCHIP programs. Prior to coming to the Kaiser Commission, Guyer was a senior policy analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Her prior policy experience also includes working on the legislative staff of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan during the debate over national health care reform in the early 1990s. She holds a Masters degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University.

Diane Rowland, ScD, 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 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.