

## **The Part D Experience: What are the Lessons for Broader Medicare Reform?**

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### **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **JAMES C. CAPRETTA**

James C. Capretta, a Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC), was an Associate Director at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) from 2001 to 2004, where he had responsibility for health-care, Social Security, education, and welfare programs. At EPPC, Mr. Capretta studies and provides commentary on a wide range of public policy and economic issues, with a focus on health-care and entitlement reform, U.S. fiscal policy, and global population aging. His essays and articles have appeared in numerous print and online publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Politico*, and *The Weekly Standard*, among others. Mr. Capretta has also testified before Congress and appears frequently as a commentator on prominent television and radio programs. Mr. Capretta is also a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation. In addition to his work as a researcher and commentator on public policy issues, Mr. Capretta is also a health policy and research consultant. Earlier in his career, Mr. Capretta served for a decade in Congress as a senior analyst for health-care issues and for three years as a budget examiner at OMB. He has an MA in Public Policy Studies from Duke University, and he graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 with a BA in Government.

#### **JULIETTE CUBANSKI**

Juliette Cubanski is Associate Director, Program on Medicare Policy with the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington DC. As a senior member of the Foundation's Medicare policy team, Dr. Cubanski helps to lead the Foundation's activities related to the Kaiser Project on Medicare's Future, a major Foundation initiative focused on producing timely and authoritative analysis of leading Medicare deficit reduction options and other reforms affecting people on Medicare, and on informing the debate about the future of the Medicare program. As part of these efforts, Dr. Cubanski has coauthored two authoritative studies analyzing the cost and coverage effects of raising the age of eligibility for Medicare and restructuring Medicare's benefit design. Dr. Cubanski also has been extensively involved in the Foundation's efforts to monitor the implementation of Medicare provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and assess the implications for people on Medicare. In addition, Dr. Cubanski has helped lead the Foundation's analytic efforts related to the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit and how the private drug plan marketplace has evolved since its inception in 2006. Dr. Cubanski earned a Ph.D. in health policy at Harvard University, a Masters of Public Policy and a Masters of Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Los Angeles.

#### **JACK HOADLEY**

Jack Hoadley is a health policy analyst and researcher with about 30 years experience in this field. He joined Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute as a Research Professor in January 2002, where he conducts research projects on health financing topics, including Medicare and Medicaid, with a particular focus on prescription drug issues. In recent projects, he has studied various aspects of the Medicare Part D drug benefit, including spending trends, the use of

formularies, the impact of plan benefit design features on generic drug use, the impact of the coverage gap, and policy options for simplifying and standardizing the program. His other recent work has included projects on Medicaid reform proposals in Florida and Connecticut, consumer protections around balance billing in private insurance plans, standardization options for Medicare Advantage, the growth of retainer-based medical practices, and access to physician services for Medicare beneficiaries. Dr. Hoadley was recently appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). He is trained as a Ph.D. in political science and has worked in both academic and government settings. Prior to arriving at Georgetown, he held positions at the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), the Physician Payment Review Commission (PPRC) and its successor (MedPAC), and the National Health Policy Forum.

### **KAREN IGNAGNI**

As President and Chief Executive Officer of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Karen Ignagni is the voice of health insurance plans, representing members that provide health care, long-term care, dental and disability benefits to more than 200 million Americans. Ms. Ignagni joined the organization as its Chief Executive in 1993. From there she led two mergers with other organizations to form AHIP in 2003, making AHIP the leading voice for the health plan community in America. Ms. Ignagni has won many accolades for her leadership. The New York Times wrote, "In a city teeming with health care lobbyists, Ms. Ignagni is widely considered one of the most effective. She blends a detailed knowledge of health policy with an intuitive feel for politics." Fortune described the political program Ms. Ignagni spearheaded as "worthy of a presidential election bid." Ms. Ignagni regularly testifies before Congress on key federal legislation. In recent years, she has appeared before Senate and House committees on matters ranging from health insurance plans' role in homeland security to Medicare reform to patient protection issues and access to health care coverage issues. Prior to 1993, Ms. Ignagni directed the AFL-CIO's Department of Employee Benefits. In the 1980s, she was a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, preceded by work at the Committee for National Health Insurance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **MARILYN MOON**

Marilyn Moon is senior vice president and director of the Health Program at the American Institutes for Research. In addition to directing a staff of 150, her current work focuses on the role of informing consumers, providers and policy makers about health care issues, issues in delivery system innovations, and approaches to Medicare reform. A nationally-known economist and expert on Medicare, aging, consumer health issues, and health care financing, Dr. Moon has also served as a senior fellow at the Urban Institute and as a public trustee for the Social Security and Medicare trust funds. She has written extensively on health policy, reform issues in Medicare health financing, and other social insurance issues. She is currently the project director for the Community Forum, an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality funded project on promoting stakeholder participation in evidence-based research. She has been an associate professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, and the founding director of the Public Policy Institute of the American Association of Retired Persons. She has served on a number of boards for non-profit organizations, including the Medicare Rights Center and the National Academy of Social Insurance. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Moon earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**PATRICIA NEUMAN**

Patricia Neuman is a senior vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and is Director of the Kaiser Family Foundation's Program on Medicare Policy. Dr. Neuman is widely regarded as an expert on Medicare policy issues. She has published numerous articles on topics related to health coverage and financing for the Medicare population, and has been invited several times to present expert testimony before Congressional committees. Dr. Neuman's work at the Foundation focuses on a broad range of issues pertaining to the Medicare program and the population it serves. Before joining the Foundation in 1995, Dr. Neuman served for six years on the professional staff of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health in the U.S. House of Representatives, and for three years on the staff of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging working on health and long-term care issues. Dr. Neuman received a Doctorate of Science degree in health policy and management and a Masters of Science degree in health finance and management from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.