



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

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Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Policies  
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## **Speaker Biographies**

### **Samantha Artiga**

Samantha Artiga is an Associate Director for the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, which provides timely information and analysis on health care coverage and access for the low-income population. Ms. Artiga's work concentrates on Medicaid and CHIP outreach, eligibility, and enrollment; Section 1115 waivers; and health care for low-income immigrants. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Artiga worked with the National Program Office of the *Healthy Steps for Young Children Program*, a program designed to help improve provision of health services to children between ages zero and three. Ms. Artiga holds a Masters in Health Services Administration degree with a concentration in Health Policy and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the George Washington University.

### **Tricia Brooks**

Tricia Brooks is a Senior Fellow at the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families (CCF) and an assistant research professor at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute. She works on policy and implementation issues affecting coverage for children and families with a focus on children who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Ms Brooks provides policy technical assistance to the Lucille and David Packard Foundation Finish Line project and two Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiatives: the Maximizing Enrollment Program and the National Covering Kids & Families Network. She also serves on the National Advisory Committee for the Ford Foundation Work Support Strategies Program. Prior to joining CCF, Ms. Brooks served for fifteen years as the CHIP director in New Hampshire. As the President and CEO of New Hampshire Healthy Kids Corporation (NHHK), a legislatively-created nonprofit organization that began covering kids in 1995, she took on responsibility for launching and administering New Hampshire's CHIP program as a public-private partnership in 1999. NHHK also took the lead in coordinating outreach and application assistance for Medicaid and CHIP and served as the mail-enrollment and renewal center for both programs. During her tenure with NHHK, Ms. Brooks served on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Health Plan, the state's high-risk pool, and participated in numerous legislative and advocacy efforts to advance health coverage for children and families. Ms. Brooks holds a Master in Business Administration from Suffolk University and a Bachelors of Science from Mars Hill College.

### **Dayanne Leal**

Dayanne Leal was born and raised in Brazil in the city of São Paulo. She has received a business degree from Universidade Paulista in Brazil and worked in her home country with EF Education for over 6 years in sales and marketing. The company then transferred Dayanne to Boston in 2001. Her passion for social justice motivated her to change careers and work for a non-profit organization. In 2004 Dayanne was hired by a health advocacy organization called Health Care

For All and currently is their Children's Health Policy and Outreach Manager. In this role, Dayanne leads advocacy efforts to improve health care policies for families and children and works to connect individuals to subsidized health insurance. Dayanne has also graduated from the Fletcher School, Tufts University in May 2008, and she acquired a Masters in Socio-Economic and Human Development. Her commitment to social justice extends to Brazil and Dayanne founded the Tropical Angels Project to rebuild and build homes to deprived children and their families.

### **Cindy Mann**

Cindy Mann, J.D. has served as the Director of the Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification (CMCS) within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) since June 2009. As CMS Deputy Administrator and Director of CMCS, Ms. Mann is responsible for the development and implementation of national policies governing Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the agency's provider survey and certification activities. CMCS also serves as the focal point for all CMS interactions with State and local governments and the Territories. Prior to her return to CMS in 2009, Cindy served as a research professor at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute and was the Executive Director of the Center for Children and Families at the Institute. Her work at Georgetown focused on health coverage, financing, and access issues affecting low-income populations and States. Cindy served as Director of the Family and Children's Health Programs Group in the CMS (then HCFA) Center for Medicaid and State Operations from 1999-2001, where she played a key role in implementing the SCHIP program and led the Center's broader work on Medicaid policies affecting children and families. Before joining HCFA in 1999, Cindy directed the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' federal and State health policy work. She also has extensive State-level experience, having worked on health care, welfare, and public finance issues in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. Cindy holds a law degree from the New York University School of Law.

### **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. In December 2009, Dr Rowland was appointed the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), established to advise Congress on issues affecting the Medicaid and CHIP programs. She 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 low-income and disadvantaged populations and frequently testifies as an expert witness before the United States Congress on health policy issues. A nationally recognized expert with a distinguished career in public policy and research, focusing on health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations, Dr. Rowland has published widely on these subjects. Dr. Rowland is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a founding member of the National Academy for Social Insurance, Past President and Fellow of the Association for Health Services Research (now AcademyHealth), and a member of the Board of Grantmakers in Health. She 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.

**John Supra**

John Supra is the Chief Information Officer & Deputy Director of Eligibility & Beneficiary Services for the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, John has responsibility for eligibility policy and operations, project management, and information technology. John brings a significant background and experience in enterprise software development with an emphasis in modern web-based technologies. Most recently, he was vice president and chief technology officer at DigitalFusion where he was responsible the design, development and operations of DFStudio, a leading online application for the professional photography industry. Prior to DigitalFusion, John was a vice president at Resource Directory Group where he oversaw the database development and publishing operations for a series of social service resource guides. John has also served as vice president and chief technologist for the OnStation Corporation where he led the application development and technical operations for an online solution that delivers customer relationship management in the automotive industry. John holds bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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