



## An Early Look at the Affordable Care Act and Women's Health

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### Panelist Biographies

**Amy Allina** is Deputy Director of the National Women's Health Network (NWHN), a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. She plans and implements the NWHN's policy agenda in its priority areas: establishing universal access to health care that meets the needs of diverse women; advancing reproductive and sexual health and autonomy; and promoting strong public protections to ensure drugs and medical devices marketed to women are safe and effective. She represents the NWHN on these issues with Congress, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health. Amy is also a founding coordinator of Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need, a national initiative working to engage women often on the margins of health care policy, and advocate that policymakers address women's concerns as they implement health reform. Prior to joining the NWHN, Amy worked on women's health issues at the public policy consulting firm of Bass and Howes, was a political organizer for NARAL and an Associate Editor at *Multinational Monitor*. She is a graduate of Harvard University. Amy serves on the board of directors of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project.

**Vanessa Cullins** is Vice President for external medical affairs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), and is responsible for leadership at the intersections of medical services, communications, and public policy. Her work includes the development of multifaceted coordinated approaches to health care information and improved medical services access. Dr. Cullins has extensive clinical and administrative experience in reproductive health. Prior to joining Planned Parenthood Federation of America, she served as vice president and medical director of EngenderHealth, where she provided oversight and direction for reproductive health service delivery in over 25 countries. Previously, Dr. Cullins worked simultaneously as an attending physician in the Ob/Gyn Department of the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, as an assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and as both director for reproductive health policy and acting director of the Bureau of Adolescent Reproductive and Women's Health for Baltimore City Health Department. Dr. Cullins serves on the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologist's Well Woman Task Force, National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, and Reproductive Health Technologies Project. She has received numerous awards and has written extensively on reproductive health. A graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, Dr. Cullins received her MD and MPH degrees from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and her MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

**Francisco García** is the Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Pima County Health Department in Tucson, Arizona. He is a fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Prior to joining Pima County Department of Health, he served in a variety of roles at the University of Arizona including director of the Center of Excellence in Women's Health, the Arizona Hispanic Center of Excellence, and the Cancer Disparities Institute of the Arizona Cancer Center. Dr. García retains an academic appointment as the Distinguished Outreach Professor of Public Health. He is also a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which produces national evidence-based clinical guidelines, as well as the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities. Dr. Garcia also served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on Preventive Services for Women, National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee for Research on Women's Health, and the American Cancer Society Gynecologic Cancer Advisory Committee. Dr. García earned his M.D. at the University of Arizona, where he also completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. He earned his M.P.H. in health policy and management and completed a fellowship in women's reproductive health at Johns Hopkins University.

**Cara James** is the Director of the Office of Minority Health at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The CMS Office of Minority Health was created through the Affordable Care Act, and works to ensure that the voices and the needs of the populations it represents are present as the agency develops, implements, evaluates its programs and policies. Prior to joining the CMS Office of Minority Health, Dr. James was the Director of the Disparities Policy Project and the Director of the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, where she was responsible for addressing a broad array of health and access to care issues for racial and ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations, including the potential impact of the Affordable Care Act and analyses of state-level disparities in health and access to care. Prior to joining the staff at Kaiser, she worked at Harvard University and The Picker Institute. Cara received her Ph.D. in Health Policy and her A.B. in Psychology from Harvard University.

**Usha Ranji** is Associate Director for Women's Health Policy at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Her work addresses the impact of major health policy issues on women and girls, with an emphasis on insurance coverage, access to care, and low-income populations. In particular, her work aims to understand how federal, state, and local policies, including national health care reform and reproductive health policies, influence health and access to services for women. Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Usha worked in Chicago at Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, where her work focused on analyzing the consequences of the welfare program on access to health care for low-income families in Illinois. Usha is a member of the Executive Committee of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative and has previously served on the boards of Health Initiatives for Youth and the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health. Usha received a Masters degree in Health Policy and Management from the School of Public Health at Harvard University.

**Alina Salganicoff** is Vice President and Director of Women's Health Policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation. She directs the foundation's work on health coverage and access to care for women, with an emphasis on challenges facing underserved women throughout their lives. Widely regarded as an expert on women's health policy, Dr. Salganicoff has written and lectured extensively on health care access and financing for low-income women and children. Dr. Salganicoff was also an Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and specialized on coverage and access issues facing low-income families, Medicaid managed care, and state health reform. Over her career, Dr. Salganicoff has served as an advisor to many federal and state agencies and nonprofits. Most recently, she served on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Committee on Women's Health Research and the IOM Committee on Preventive Services for Women. She currently is on the Steering Committee for the VA's Women's Health Research Consortium, the Public Policy Advisory Committee of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unintended Pregnancy, and the Board of the California Family Health Council. Dr. Salganicoff holds a B.S. from the Pennsylvania State University and Ph.D. in Health Policy from Johns Hopkins University.