

Downsizing Medicaid: How Proposed Cuts Could Endanger Health Insurance for Low-Income Americans

Speaker Biographies

Gregg Bloche, M.D., J.D., is Professor of Law at Georgetown University and author of *The Hippocratic Myth: Why Doctors Are Under Pressure to Ration Care, Practice Politics, and Compromise Their Promise to Heal*. He is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on health law and policy. Bloche's writing has appeared in a wide range of venues, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Health Affairs* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association*; leading law reviews; and the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, & other media outlets. He has also been a frequent commentator in national broadcast media. He was a health care advisor to President Obama's 2008 campaign, as well as the presidential transition, and he spoke frequently for the campaign as a "surrogate." Bloche has held teaching and research appointments at the University of Chicago, UCLA, and Columbia law schools, as well as the Brookings Institution, and the Harvard School of Public Health. He is a graduate of the law and medical schools at Yale, and he completed a residency in psychiatry at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. His awards and honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Robert Wood Johnson Investigator Award in Health Policy Research. Bloche serves on several editorial boards and has advised governments and non-profits in the U.S. and abroad on a wide range of health policy issues. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Nathan Chomilo's work has centered on the impact early childhood intervention and healthcare access have on the long-term prospects of our children and how physicians and health systems can address racial & health equity. He is the Medical Director for the State of Minnesota's Medicaid & MinnesotaCare programs and practices as a General Pediatrician with Park Nicollet Health Services/HealthPartners. He was previously tapped by Governor Tim Walz to serve as the State of Minnesota's COVID-19 vaccine equity director & as Senior Advisor on Equity to the Minnesota Commissioner of Health. He received a Zoology degree from Miami University & graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School. He completed his combined residency in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota & was the Pediatric Chief Resident at the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. Prior to working for the State of Minnesota he was also an internal medicine hospitalist.

He is Chair-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Minority Health, Equity & Inclusion (MHEI), has served on the board of directors for the MN chapter of the AAP, is a fellow of the American College of Physicians & an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

He serves on the board of directors of Reach Out and Read and is a member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Equity in HEDIS Expert Work Group. His work has been recognized by the City of Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights which recognized him as a 2019 History Maker at Home recipient, Minnesota Physician which named him one of the 100 most influential health care leaders in 2020 & 2024, the Minnesota Medical Association which awarded him the President's Award in 2021, the Task Force for Global Health which named him a 2021 Global Health Hero 2021 and the Aspen Institute which selected him to be an Aspen Ascend Fellow in 2022. In 2023 he was selected for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Youth through Health Care System Transformation and named to The Lancet's Commission on Antiracism in Solidarity. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife & sons.

He has penned numerous published OpEds and health policy perspective pieces, has been an invited speaker at multiple national conferences & has been cited in pieces in the *Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder*, *New York Times*, *Wall St. Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *STAT news*, *CNN.com*, *Parent Magazine* & the *Star Tribune*. In 2022 he was the invited keynote speaker at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health's commencement ceremony.

Genevieve Kenney is an Institute fellow in the Health Policy Division at the Urban Institute. She is a nationally renowned expert on Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and health insurance coverage, health care access and quality, and health outcomes for low-income adults, children, and families. She has played a lead role in several Medicaid and CHIP evaluations, including multiple congressionally mandated CHIP evaluations, and has conducted state-level evaluations of the implementation of managed-care and other service delivery reform

initiatives and policy changes in Medicaid and CHIP. Currently, she is leading a project focused on health equity that involves working with a community advisory board. In other work, she is assessing reproductive health access and Medicaid policies aimed at improving outcomes in the postpartum period and the unwinding of the continuous coverage requirement in Medicaid. In her prior work, she has used mixed methods to examine Medicaid expansions for pregnant women, parents, and children; Medicaid family planning waivers; and a range of policy choices related to Medicaid and CHIP. Kenney is an advisory board member of the University of North Carolina's Rural Health Research Program and the Hilltop Institute. She received a master's degree in statistics and a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Michigan.

Edwin Park is a Research Professor at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy. His work primarily focuses on Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Affordable Care Act and he is considered one of the nation's leading health policy experts on issues related to Medicaid and CHIP financing and the Affordable Care Act's coverage expansions, among others. He also analyzes tax policies related to health care and policies related to drug pricing and private insurance markets. He has testified before Congress and the California state legislature, been interviewed by media outlets such as National Public Radio and CNBC, and has been cited in numerous print publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Chicago Tribune* and in digital media such as *Politico*, *Vox*, *HuffPost* and *Kaiser Health News*. Previously, he worked for 17 years at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a non-partisan, non-profit research and policy organization based in Washington D.C. that focuses on fiscal policy and policies affecting low- and moderate-income individuals and families at both the federal and state levels. Most recently, he was Vice President for Health Policy, co-directing the Center's 15-person health policy team. He also served as the health policy advisor for the National Economic Council at the White House during the Clinton Administration and as a Medicaid professional staff member for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, as part of the minority staff of then-Ranking Member Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. He also was an attorney in private practice, as part of the Health Practice Group at Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells). He also recently served on the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition Agency Review Team for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He has a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He also has an A.B. in Public and International Affairs, summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from Princeton University.

Sara Rosenbaum is the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy and Founding Chair of the Department of Health Policy, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. She also holds a Professorship by Courtesy in the law school and is a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. A graduate of Wesleyan University and Boston University Law School, Professor Rosenbaum has devoted her professional career to issues of health justice for populations who are medically underserved as a result of race, poverty, disability, or cultural exclusion. An honored teacher and scholar, a highly popular speaker, and a widely read writer on many aspects of health law and policy, Professor Rosenbaum has emphasized public engagement as a core element of her professional life, providing public service to six presidential administrations and 15 Congresses since 1978. With respect to public engagement and health policy practice, Professor Rosenbaum is best known for her work on the expansion of Medicaid, the expansion of community health centers, patients' rights in managed care, civil rights and health care, and national health reform. Between 1993 and 1994, Professor Rosenbaum worked for President Bill Clinton, directing the drafting of the Health Security Act and designing the Vaccines for Children program, a landmark law offering near-universal coverage of vaccines for low income and medically underserved children. Professor Rosenbaum also regularly advises many state governments on matters of health policy. Professor Rosenbaum is the leading author of *Law and the American Health Care System*, 2d ed., published by Foundation Press, May, 2012, a landmark textbook that explores in depth the interaction of American law and the U.S. health care system. She has received numerous national awards for her work, serves on many organizational and foundation boards, and advises the federal government on national health policy. She is a member of the CDC Director's Advisory Committee, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice

(ACIP), and a Commissioner on the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), which advises Congress on federal Medicaid policy.

Brian Smedley is a senior fellow in the Health Policy Division and a former equity scholar at the Urban Institute, where he conducts research and policy analysis to address structural and institutional forms of racism that affect the health and well-being of people of color. Previously, Smedley was chief of psychology in the public interest at the American Psychological Association, where he led the organization's efforts to apply the science and practice of psychology to the fundamental problems of human welfare and social justice. Among his other prior positions are cofounder and executive director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, codirector of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leaders program, and vice president and director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. He also was a senior program officer at the Institute of Medicine (IOM), where he served as study director for the IOM report *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*, among other reports on diversity in the health professions and minority health policy. Smedley has been honored by the American Public Health Association, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and the American Psychological Association. Smedley is the treasurer and a member of the board for the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, the chair of the advisory committee to the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, and a member of and consultant to the Institute for Healing Justice and Equity at Saint Louis University.