

TAKING STOCK OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: WHAT ARE THE DATA TELLING US?

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Katherine Hempstead is a director at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, where she works on health insurance issues. She joined the foundation in 2011 as a senior program officer in the Research and Evaluation unit. Previously, Hempstead was director of the Center for Health Statistics in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and worked as an analyst in the Office of the Attorney General, New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety. She is a visiting faculty member at Rutgers Center for State Health Policy. Hempstead received a PhD in Demography and History from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also earned an MA in Demography and a BA in Economics and History.

Sharon Long, an economist and senior fellow at the Urban Institute, has more than 25 years of experience conducting quantitative and qualitative policy research on health and social issues. Her research focuses on the effects federal and state policy initiatives and includes current evaluations of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Long is leading the Urban Institute's Health Reform Monitoring Survey (HRMS), a quarterly survey of the nonelderly population that is using Internet-based survey methods to monitor the ACA before data from federal government surveys are available. Her work on the ACA builds off her earlier evaluation of Massachusetts's 2006 health reform demonstration, which was awarded the Health Services Research Impact Award by Academy Health in 2012. Long continues to monitor the health care market in Massachusetts in work for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She is also part of research teams on two projects for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services evaluating several state demonstrations. Long has published widely, including in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Economics*, *Health Services Research*, *Inquiry*, and *Medical Care*. A professor in the Division of Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota from 2010 to 2012, Long continues as an adjunct professor in the division.

Sarah Rosen Wartell is president of the Urban Institute. Wartell, a public policy executive and housing markets expert, served in the Clinton administration as the Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and as deputy director for the National Economic Council. She cofounded the Center for American Progress, serving as its first chief operating officer and general counsel. Later, as executive vice president, Wartell oversaw its policy teams and fellows. Before her work at the Center for American Progress, Wartell practiced law in Washington, DC, was a visiting scholar and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, and was a consultant to the bipartisan Millennial Housing Commission. She directed the Mortgage Finance Working Group and "Doing What Works" government performance programs. Wartell is currently on the boards of the Low Income Investment Fund, Center for Law and Social Policy, and Center for Urban Science and Progress at New York University. She also serves on the Fannie Mae Affordable Housing Advisory Council and is a Penn Institute for Urban Research scholar. Her areas of expertise include community development, consumer finance and asset building, and housing finance.

Alan Weil became the editor in chief of *Health Affairs* on June 1, 2014. A multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the serious exploration of domestic and international health policy and system change, *Health Affairs* is the nation's leading journal at the intersection of health, health care, and policy. For the previous decade, he was the executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy, an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and policy organization. Previously, he directed the Urban Institute's Assessing the New Federalism project (one of the largest privately funded social policy research projects ever undertaken in the United States), held a cabinet position as executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, and was assistant general counsel in the Massachusetts Department of Medical Security. Weil is a frequent speaker on national and state health policy, Medicaid, federalism, and implementation of the ACA. He is the coeditor of two books, publishes regularly in peer-reviewed journals, has testified before Congress several times, and is called upon by major media outlets for his knowledge and analysis. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Board on Health Care Services, the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, the Board of Trustees of the Consumer Health Foundation, and of the Board of Directors of the Essential Hospitals Institute. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and a JD from Harvard Law School.

Stephen Zuckerman is a senior fellow and codirector in the Health Policy Center of the Urban Institute. He has studied issues related to physician payment, the health care safety net, and insurance coverage and market reforms. His current research is focused on the Marketplace experience of adults seeking coverage through the ACA, Medicare and Medicaid physician payment, the development and effects of medical homes, and expansion of funding to community health centers. Zuckerman recently completed a project for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation that identified and conducted studies of approaches that can be applied to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to promote access to primary care providers. He has also evaluated many health policy interventions, such as the effect of Medicaid managed care on beneficiary access and use. He directed state surveys of Medicaid physician fees in 2003, 2008, 2010, and 2012 and used some of these data to study how Medicaid fees affect access to care. Zuckerman also codirected a state survey of Medicaid supplemental payment programs in 2005 to identify changes that were taking place in states' use and financing of these payments.