

Speaker Biographies
**“Children’s Health Coverage:
Medicaid, CHIP, and Next Steps”**

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NATE CHECKETTS is the director of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at the Utah Department of Health. During his time in this position, he has been instrumental in the restructuring of CHIP coverage benefits and premiums to match private benchmarks, increasing CHIP enrolment to over 40,000 children, and in the creation of a premium assistance program – Utah’s Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP). Mr. Checketts is also an assistant Medicaid director with responsibilities for the state’s waivers for demonstration projects, managed care plans, and home and community based services. Prior to his work with CHIP and Medicaid, he worked in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget in Utah as an assistant budget manager and the health budget analyst. Mr. Checketts has also worked as a senior auditor for the California State Auditor’s Office. He has a master’s degree in public administration from Brigham Young University.

STAN DORN is a senior research associate at the Urban Institute. For more than 20 years, he has worked at the state and federal levels on health policy issues involving the uninsured, low-income consumers, children, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and health coverage tax credits provided under the Trade Act of 2002. Before coming to Urban, Mr. Dorn had posts as: senior policy analyst at the Economic and Social Research Institute, where he focused on strategies to cover the uninsured; director of the Health Consumer Alliance, a consortium of legal services groups in California helping low-income consumers obtain essential health care; Health Division director at the Children's Defense Fund, where he led the organization's health policy team during a major national campaign that helped pass CHIP; and managing attorney of the National Health Law Program's Washington office, where he played a leadership role in a broad coalition of consumer and provider groups that successfully resisted proposals to convert Medicaid into a block grant.

JOCELYN GUYER is co-executive director at the Center for Children and Families (CCF) and a senior researcher at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute. At CCF, she has worked extensively on child and family health issues, including reauthorization of CHIP and the role of Medicaid in covering children and families. She joined CCF from the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she served most recently as an associate director. At the commission, she led analysis of several emerging issues in health care for vulnerable Americans, including the implications of the Part D Medicare drug benefit for impoverished seniors and people with disabilities, and major proposals to restructure Medicaid. In the past, Ms. Guyer has served as a senior health policy analyst on health and welfare policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where she designed policy initiatives to expand coverage to low-income parents and worked with several states to implement family-based coverage expansions. She has also served as legislative research assistant to former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She holds a master of public affairs degree in economics and public policy from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School and a B.A. in political science from Brown University.