

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

The Medicaid Expansion: What's at Stake for States?

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JOHN HOLAHAN is director of the Health Policy Research Center at the Urban Institute. Much of his work over the last 30 years has focused on the Medicaid program, as well as state health policy more broadly, and issues of federalism and health. These include analyses of the recent growth in Medicaid expenditures, variations across states in Medicaid expenditures, changes in federal-state matching formulas and Medicaid restructuring. He has conducted analyses of the cost and coverage impacts of alternative strategies to expanding Medicaid coverage. He has developed proposals for health system reform, most recently in Massachusetts and New York, including analysis of cost and coverage impacts of reform proposals. He has recently written about strategies to address the issues of insurer and provider consolidation, and about cost containment more generally. He has also analyzed how states are likely to be affected by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, particularly by the Medicaid expansion, but also the

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tax credit provisions. He has also published research on the reasons for the growth in the uninsured over the past decade, as well as on the effects of proposals to expand health insurance coverage on the uninsured themselves and on costs to federal and state governments.

JAMES KEETON, M.D., is the vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in Jackson. Prior to his appointment in 2010, Dr. Keeton held the administrative positions of interim vice chancellor, chief of staff to the vice chancellor, and associate vice chancellor for clinical affairs. Dr. Keeton continues to hold appointments as professor of surgery and pediatrics. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Mississippi in 1961 and a doctor of medicine in 1965 from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following residencies in general surgery and urology at UMMC, Dr. Keeton spent one year in pediatric urology residency in London, England. Dr. Keeton served two years in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy at the rank of lieutenant commander. He returned to Mississippi in 1970 where he has since served the state in both academic medicine and private practice. Dr. Keeton is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is certified by the American Board of Urology.