

**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**  
**“SCHIP: Let the Discussions Begin”**  
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**Diane Rowland, D.Sc.**, is executive vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the executive director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Hygiene and Public Health. Dr. Rowland is an authority on Medicare, Medicaid, and health care for low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged populations, and has published widely on these subjects. Her federal health policy experience includes service on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services and the former Health Care Financing Administration, now the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Rowland holds a bachelor’s degree from Wellesley College, a master’s degree in public administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a doctor of science degree in health policy and management from Johns Hopkins.

**Genevieve Kenney, Ph.D.**, is a principal research associate and health economist at the Urban Institute. She is known especially for her work on the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Medicaid, and the broader health insurance coverage and access issues facing low-income children and families. Dr. Kenney was a lead researcher on two major evaluations of SCHIP: a congressionally-mandated evaluation for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and an evaluation supported by a number of private foundations. She has published more than 50 articles and briefs on insurance coverage and access for low-income children, pregnant women, and parents. In her research, she has examined a range of issues related to SCHIP including: the impacts of SCHIP on insurance coverage, crowd out, and access to care; the structure of SCHIP financing; participation rates and barriers to enrollment; access and use differentials; the effects of premium increases on enrollment; and how parents’ coverage status affects children. She also has conducted research on a number of Medicaid and Medicare topics, including the impact of Medicaid eligibility expansions for pregnant women and children, the adoption of managed care in Medicaid, the use of home health services among the dual eligible population, and the impacts of Medicare’s prospective payment system on post-acute services.

**Gayle Lees Sandlin** is the director of the Alabama Department of Public Health. Ms. Sandlin has more than 30 years of state government service experience as a supervisor. In the last 20 years, she has directed statewide programs providing governmental services to the community for both adults and children. While director, Ms. Sandlin helped to create Alabama’s SCHIP program, overseeing the development and implementation of the program’s \$120 million annual

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budget. She has served as director of multiple bureaus and divisions within the Department of Public Health. Ms. Sandlin has also served as executive director of the Montgomery Area Council on Aging and as director of community services for the Montgomery Housing Authority. Additionally, she worked as a program consultant, analyst and social worker for the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Ms. Sandlin holds a B.A. in sociology from the University of Montevallo and an M.S.W. in planning, administration and supervision from the University of Alabama. She is also a licensed certified social worker.