

Speaker Biographies
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ANDREW BINDMIN, MD, is professor of medicine, health policy, epidemiology and biostatistics, at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). He is the director of the California Medicaid Research Institute and the chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine at UCSF’s affiliated San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Bindman has practiced and taught primary care at San Francisco General Hospital and its affiliated clinics for the past 20 years. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles evaluating the impact of health policies on low-income persons’ access to care, and the quality of care received. Dr. Bindman has developed innovative strategies for using health information systems to monitor the performance of health care systems. He has won numerous awards including AcademyHealth’s Young Investigator Award and the group’s Paper of the Year Award, as well as an achievement Award from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Bindman is currently working in conjunction with the California Medical Board to monitor the California physician workforce.

BARBARA EDWARDS is a principal with Health Management Associates (HMA), a national research and consulting firm specializing in public health care financing. For more than 25 years, she has worked in both the public and private sectors in health care financing, including Medicaid policy, managed care, cost containment, long-term care, and state and federal reform. Before joining HMA, Ms. Edwards served for eight years as director of Ohio’s \$12 billion Medicaid program. She was vice chair of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. She also served on the federal State Pharmacy Assistance Program Transition Commission dealing with the implementation of Medicare Part D and was a member of the National Quality Forum Steering Committee, which developed and recommended standards of nursing home care.

DIANE ROWLAND is executive vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and executive director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Bloomberg School of Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Rowland is an authority on health policy, Medicare and 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 Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration. Among her many affiliations, she is a member of the Institute of Medicine, past president and fellow of the Association for Health Services Research, and has served as a national expert on the Governor’s Health Reform Task Force in Louisiana. Dr. Rowland holds a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a master’s in public administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a doctor of science in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University.