

Speaker Biographies

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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 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.