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CARRIE BANAHAN is the executive director of the Kentucky Office of the Health Benefit and Health Information exchange and is responsible for the implementation and operations of the exchange. From 2008-2012, she was the executive director of the Office of Health Policy and was responsible for the administration of the certificate of need program and health planning and development for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. During that time, she also served as the implementation director for Medicaid managed care, in which 540,000 individuals were transitioned from a fee-for-service delivery system to managed care. From 2006 to 2008, Ms. Banahan served as deputy commissioner for the Department for Medicaid Services. While at Medicaid, she was instrumental in overseeing the implementation of Kentucky Health Choices and the new MMIS, as well as assisting with the development of new waiver programs. From 1998 until 2006, she was employed by the Department of Insurance and worked in the health division as a branch manager, division director and also served as deputy commissioner. While there, Ms. Banahan was responsible for overseeing and implementing HIPAA insurance requirements, prompt pay laws for insurers, an internal and external review process for consumers, and a state high risk pool for individuals who were unable or had difficulty obtaining health insurance. From 1986 to 1998, she was employed by the Department for Medicaid Services and served in various capacities including policy development, drafting of Medicaid regulations and state plan amendments, and assisted with implementation of a new MMIS, and the Medicaid Partnership Program. Ms. Banahan is a graduate of the University of Louisville.

SARA R. COLLINS is vice president of the health care coverage and access program at the Commonwealth Fund. An economist, Dr. Collins joined the Fund in 2002 and has led the Fund's national program on health insurance since 2005. Since joining the Fund, Dr. Collins has led several national surveys on health insurance and authored numerous reports, issue briefs and journal articles on health insurance coverage and policy. She has provided invited testimony before several congressional committees and subcommittees. Prior to joining the Fund, Dr. Collins was associate director/senior research associate at the New York Academy of Medicine, Division of Health and Science Policy. Earlier in her career, she was an associate editor at U.S. News & World Report, a senior economist at Health Economics Research, and a senior health policy analyst in the New York City Office of the Public Advocate. She holds an A.B. in economics from Washington University and a Ph.D. in economics from George Washington University.

JON GABEL, a senior fellow at NORC, has 40 years of research experience in the field of health financing and economics. Prior to joining NORC, he was vice president of the Health Research and Educational Trust and the Center for Studying Health System Change. He was director of survey research for the benefits consulting practice of KPMG for six years and served as director of research for the American Association of Health Plans and the Health Insurance Association of America, trade associations that represented HMOs and health insurers. Mr. Gabel is the author of more than 140 peer-reviewed articles on health care financing and trends in employer-based insurance, including 58 articles in *Health Affairs*. From 1986-2008 Mr. Gabel served as the principal or co-principal investigator on the Kaiser Family Foundation/Health Research and Educational

Trust Employer Health Benefits Survey and its predecessor surveys. Mr. Gabel has served on the editorial boards of *Health Affairs* and *Medical Care Research and Review* and has been a peer reviewer for 26 different journals. He holds degrees in economics from the College of William and Mary and Arizona State University.

MILA KOFMAN is executive director of the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority. Appointed to the position by a unanimous vote of the board of directors, Ms. Kofman is an expert on private health insurance markets and has worked with states and all stakeholders to implement health insurance reforms. Her approach is informed by her hands-on experience as the former superintendent of insurance in Maine, implementing health insurance reforms, being a former federal regulator working with states to implement HIPAA reforms of the 1990s, studying state-based reform efforts and markets, and working with employer purchasing coalitions seeking to leverage purchasing power for sustainable financing of medical care. Ms. Kofman holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in government and politics from the University of Maryland (summa cum laude).

CORI UCCELLO is an actuary and senior health fellow at the American Academy of Actuaries. She serves as the actuarial profession's chief public policy liaison on health issues. In this role, she promotes the formulation of sound health policy by providing nonpartisan technical assistance to federal and state policymakers and regulators. Ms. Uccello currently helps lead the Academy's efforts to provide guidance to federal and state regulators regarding the implementation of various provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including those related to coverage and market reforms, actuarial value, and risk-sharing mechanisms. She is also actively involved in the Academy's efforts to encourage policymakers to improve Medicare's financial condition and serves as a commissioner on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Prior to joining the Academy, Ms. Uccello was a senior research associate at the Urban Institute, where she focused on health insurance and retirement policy issues. She is a graduate of Boston College and received a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University.