

**Speaker Biographies**  
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CATHY CALDWELL is the director of the Bureau of Children’s Health Insurance (Alabama’s CHIP program) with the Alabama Department of Public Health. She has more than 12 years of state government service with the bureau, directing the statewide program known as ALL Kids. She serves on multiple national committees related to children’s health insurance coverage as well health care reform implementation. Ms. Caldwell received a bachelor of science in psychology from Auburn University and a master’s degree of public health, maternal and child health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

JOCELYN GUYER is co-executive director of Georgetown University’s Center for Children and Families (CCF) and is a senior researcher at the Georgetown Health Policy Institute. At CCF, she has worked extensively on child and family health issues, including the implications of the health reform law for children and families, the reauthorization of CHIP, and the role of Medicaid in covering families. She joined the CCF from the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she served most recently as an associate director. There, she led analysis of several emerging issues in health care for vulnerable Americans, including the implications of the Part D Medicare drug benefit for impoverished seniors and people with disabilities, and major proposals to restructure Medicaid. In the past, she has served as a senior health policy analyst on health and welfare policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where she designed policy initiatives to expand coverage to low-income parents and worked with several states to implement family-based coverage expansions. She has also served as legislative research assistant to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She holds a bachelor of arts in political science from Brown University, and a master of public affairs degree in economics and public policy from Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School.

MARY MASON, M.D, FACP serves as chief medical officer and senior vice president for the Centene Corporation. Centene is a multi-line health care enterprise providing programs and services to under-insured and uninsured individuals, many of whom are covered under the Medicaid program. The company is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. At Centene, Dr. Mason has created a number of medical management programs, including “Start Smart for Your Baby,” a multi-faceted pregnancy and newborn program that focuses on early risk screening, case management and member education. A board-certified internist, she also serves as a clinical associate professor of medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, and holds an adjunct professorship at the Washington University Olin School of Business. In addition, Dr. Mason is a member of the Health Team at KMOV (Channel 4 - CBS affiliate), where she regularly discusses health topics. She is the lead author on several papers on birth outcomes in managed care. Dr. Mason earned a B.S. degree in bioengineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana and a M.D. and M.B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. She completed her internal medicine residency and chief residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Mason is board certified by the

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American Board of Internal Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

**VIKKI WACHINO** is director of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). She oversees CMS' work on eligibility and coverage for children and adults through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. In this capacity she oversees implementation of major provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the expansion of Medicaid coverage to low-income adults. Ms. Wachino is also heavily involved in implementing the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, and is responsible for developing policy pertaining to Medicaid and CHIP eligibility, enrollment, outreach, benefits, quality, and section 1115 demonstrations. Prior to working at CMS, she was a consultant working with research institutions, nonprofit organizations and foundations on health coverage for low-income people. She has also served as health policy director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where she directed the center's work on Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the uninsured, and issues related to low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Earlier, Ms. Wachino worked as associate director of the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she focused on health coverage, the financing of the Medicaid program, and the impact of the 2001-2003 state budget crisis on Medicaid. She has served in government previously, having worked at the White House Office of Management and Budget from 1995 to 2000. Ms. Wachino holds a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a BA from Mount Holyoke College.