

Speaker Biographies  
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**SABRINA CORLETTE** is a research professor and project director at the Center on Health Insurance Reforms at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute. There she directs research on health insurance reform issues as they affect consumers and patients. Her areas of focus include state and federal regulation of private health insurance plans and markets and implementation of new insurance market rules under the Affordable Care Act. She provides expertise and strategic advice to individuals and organizations on federal and state health insurance laws and programs, and provides technical support through the development of resource guides, white papers, issue briefs, blogs and fact sheets. Prior to joining the Institute faculty, Ms. Corlette was director of health policy programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families, where she provided policy expertise and strategic direction for the organization's advocacy on health care reform, with a particular focus on insurance market reform, benefit design, and the quality and affordability of health care. From 1997 to 2001, Ms. Corlette worked as a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Health Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, where she served as health legislative assistant to Senator Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. After leaving the Hill, Ms. Corlette served as an attorney at the law firm Hogan Lovells (formerly Hogan & Hartson LLP), where she advised clients on health care law and policy relating to HIPAA, Medicare and Medicaid, and the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Ms. Corlette is a member of the D.C. Bar and received her J.D. with high honors from the University of Texas at Austin and her undergraduate degree with honors from Harvard University.

**MICHAEL HASH** is the director of the Office of Health Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services. In this capacity, he helps to coordinate the department's work on implementation of health reform and provides outreach to Congress and stakeholder groups with interests in health reform. From April 2009 until January 2011, he served as deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform, helping to coordinate the Administration's legislative and implementation efforts related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Prior to his federal appointment, Mr. Hash was a principal at Health Policy Alternatives, Inc., a Washington based health consulting firm specializing in health policy and financing issues for a wide array of provider, consumer, foundation, and corporate clients. From March 1998 through December 2000, he served as the deputy administrator and acting administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), which administers Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. He also served from 1990 to 1995 as the senior staff associate of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the House Energy and Commerce Committee with responsibilities for Medicare legislation and health care reform proposals. He was also a principal at Health Policy Alternatives for thirteen years before his federal service. From 1973 to 1980, Mr. Hash was employed by the American Hospital Association, concluding his service as deputy director of the Washington office, overseeing the management of the association's government relations programs. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, with post-graduate studies in political science at Vanderbilt University. He has held teaching positions at the Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University, and was chair of the board at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC.

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**KAREN MILGATE** is a health policy consultant who most recently was deputy director of the Center for Strategic Planning within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). She directed agency analysis and strategic planning efforts to improve these programs. In both Republican and Democratic administrations, Ms. Milgate led strategic planning efforts, helped build analytical tools, coordinated inter-agency initiatives, directed and wrote numerous analyses, and helped build the data infrastructure to help CMS manage and direct the future of its programs. Her specialties include a deep understanding of the quality and utilization patterns in the Medicare program and of Medicare and Medicaid data sources. Regarding the 2010 health reform legislation, Ms. Milgate provided policymakers with counsel regarding ACOs, medical homes, Innovation Center models, dual eligibles, quality and efficiency measurement, and electronic health records, among others. Ms. Milgate is the former research director for the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and senior associate director for policy development for the American Hospital Association. She has bachelor's degrees in economics and international studies from American University and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland.

**Jennifer Tolbert** is director of state health reform at the Kaiser Family Foundation where she heads an initiative to monitor state implementation of the Affordable Care Act with a particular focus on the development of health insurance marketplaces. Ms. Tolbert has developed numerous tools for explaining the ACA and its provisions to policymakers, the media, and the public. She also directs research analyzing the impact of health reform on key stakeholders, including states, safety net providers, and low-income populations. In addition, she manages *statehealthfacts.org*, a source for state-level data on over 600 key health indicators. Prior to joining the foundation, Ms. Tolbert served as the assistant vice president for policy at the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, and before that she worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she advised the Assistant Secretary on Medicaid and CHIP on policy issues. Ms. Tolbert holds master's degrees in public health and social work from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Virginia.

**JANET TRAUTWEIN** is the chief executive officer of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) in Washington, DC. NAHU represents more than 100,000 employee benefits professionals involved in the design, sale, implementation and management of health plans in the United States. Her responsibilities include oversight of all NAHU activities and primary representation of the association to the media, government agencies and elected officials at all levels. Prior to becoming the CEO of NAHU in 2005, she served for many years as the head of NAHU's government affairs department, working with members of Congress, senior government officials, governors, and state legislators, and directing the government and political affairs of the organization. She frequently testifies before Congress on health insurance markets and health plans. Her expertise in issues related to the uninsured, health insurance pools, risk and reinsurance pooling, health related tax issues, and both national and global health reform has been recognized throughout the industry. She has been published in major newspapers, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* and has appeared on hundreds of radio and television programs around the world.