

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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DEBORAH I. CHANG is senior vice president and executive director of Nemours Health and Prevention Services in Delaware. At Nemours, Ms. Chang is creating and leading a new operating division that is developing model programs in child health promotion and disease prevention. She has 17 years of federal and state government experience in the health field, working primarily on Medicaid and child health programs, particularly the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Before joining Nemours, Ms. Chang was director of strategic development and policy at the National Academy for State Health Policy, where she led an effort to improve the Medicaid Program. Previously, she was deputy secretary for health care financing at the Maryland Department of Health, where she oversaw Medicaid and SCHIP. She has held several high-level positions with the federal government, including leading the national implementation of SCHIP. She is also a senior associate in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a master’s degree in public health from the University of Michigan.

JEANNE LAMBREW, Ph.D., is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and an associate professor at the George Washington University. Dr. Lambrew worked on health policy at the White House from 1997 through 2001, as the program associate director for health at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and as the senior health analyst at the National Economic Council. In these roles, she helped coordinate health policy development, evaluated legislative proposals, and conducted and managed analyses and cost estimates with OMB, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Treasury Department, the Labor Department and other relevant agencies. She was the White House lead on drafting and implementing the State Children’s Health Insurance Program and helped develop President Clinton’s Medicare reform plan, initiative on long-term care, and other health care proposals. Dr. Lambrew also worked at DHHS during the 1993-1994 health reform effort, and coordinated analyses of budget proposals in 1995. Prior to serving at the White House, she was an assistant professor of public policy at Georgetown University. She received her bachelor's degree from Amherst College and her master’s and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

NINA OWCHARENKO is a senior policy analyst for health care at the Heritage Foundation's Center for Health Policy Studies. In this position, Ms. Owcharenko (pronounced oh-CHAH-renko) researches and writes about a variety of health care policy issues, including the uninsured, Medicaid, and prescription drugs. She has presented before numerous national, states and professional conferences and has been a guest on dozens of radio and television programs advocating her opinions and policies. Ms. Owcharenko served for nearly a decade on Capitol Hill focusing on health care. Before coming to Heritage, she served as the legislative director for Rep. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) and Rep. Sue Myrick (R-N.C.). She started her Hill career working for Sen. Jesse Helms,

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SARA ROSENBAUM, J.D., is Hirsh Professor and founding chair of the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Professor Rosenbaum has devoted her career to issues of health law and policy affecting low income, minority, and medically underserved populations, and the health care safety net. Between 1993 and 1994, she worked for President Clinton, directing the legislative drafting of the Health Security Act and developing the Vaccines for Children program. She has written more than 250 articles and studies focusing on all phases of health law, as well as health care for medically underserved populations, and is coauthor of *Law and the American Health Care System* (Foundation Press, NY). Professor Rosenbaum serves on numerous organizational boards, including the National Board of Medical Examiners and AcademyHealth (chair, 2005). She has received many national awards, including the Hansen Award from the University of Iowa, an HHS award for distinguished national service on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries, and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research (2000). Professor Rosenbaum is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Boston University School of Law.