

Speaker Biographies

Medicare Advantage: Whose Cost, Whose Benefit?

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KAREN IGNAGNI is president and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), the trade association representing the nation's health maintenance organizations. *Washingtonian* Magazine named her one of the Top Three "Top Guns" of all trade association heads. *Modern Healthcare* magazine routinely ranks her among the 100 most powerful people in health care. Prior to joining one of AHIP's two predecessor organizations in 1993, Ms. Ignagni directed the AFL-CIO's Department of Employee Benefits. In the 1980s, she was a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, and earlier worked at the Committee for National Health Insurance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Ignagni has written more than 90 articles on a wide range of health care policy issues, and appears regularly before congressional committees and on national newscasts. She sits on numerous boards and advisory groups, including the Board of the National Academy of Social Insurance, The Commonwealth Fund's Commission on Women's Health, the Partnership for Prevention, and the Bryce Harlow Foundation. Ms. Ignagni received her MBA from Loyola College's Executive Program.

JEANNE LAMBREW is an associate professor at George Washington University and this fall, will be joining the faculty of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. She is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, serves as the current chair of the Coalition for Health Services Research, and is a member of the Congressional Budget Office's Health Advisory Panel. Dr. Lambrew was a special assistant at the Department of Health and Human Services from 1993 to 1995 and then an assistant professor of public policy at Georgetown University in 1996. Subsequently, she worked as the program associate director for health at the Office of Management and Budget at the White House and as the senior health analyst at the National Economic Council from 1997 until 2000. She served on the board of AcademyHealth from 2003-07. She received her bachelor's degree from Amherst College and her masters and Ph.D. from the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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