

Headed for a Crunch: An Update on Medicaid Spending, Coverage and Policy Heading into an Economic Downturn

**Results from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2008 and
2009**

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

David Parrella

David has been employed in the Connecticut Medicaid program since March, 1987. During that time he has served as Policy Analyst, Manager, Deputy Director, Policy Director, Acting Deputy Commissioner and currently the Director of Medical Care Administration. During his service with the Medicaid program, David was responsible for a number of different areas including Medical Policy, Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), and Third Party Liability (TPL). He led the development of the state's hospital Disproportionate Share Program (DSH), Targeted Case Management (TCM) and other revenue maximization initiatives. David developed the Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance and the AIDS Insurance Assistance Programs. In 1995 he led the development and implementation of the Connecticut Access Medicaid Managed Care Program, now known as HUSKY Part A. David was a key participant in the design of Connecticut's HUSKY Plan for uninsured children under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. He is currently involved in the roll-out of the Governor's Charter Oak Health Plan for the uninsured. David graduated from Yale University in 1972 and completed graduate study in anthropology at the University of Oregon and the University of Connecticut. During his doctoral program David spent four field seasons in Peru working with a health development project sponsored by the United Nations and the Wenner Grenn Foundation for Scientific Research.

Doug Porter

Doug Porter, a veteran Medicaid administrator, was named to head the Washington State Medicaid program on December 1, 2001. He serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD) and chairs that organization's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Medicare and Medicaid issues. Doug previously headed California's Medicaid program (called "Medi-Cal") from 1996 to 2000, and he worked before that as Deputy Commissioner of Programs for the State of Maine's Human Services Department, an umbrella agency of six social and health service programs, including Medicaid. Doug was a Senior Associate in the Health Care Practice of PriceWaterhouse Coopers in 2000 and 2001. His other private sector experience includes hospital management. He was the Chief Operating Officer for a 106-bed hospital in South Portland, Maine, and worked in a variety of capacities for Community Care Systems, Inc. for nearly 15 years. Doug and his wife have two daughters.

Diane Rowland

Diane Rowland is the Executive Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Dr. Rowland is a nationally recognized expert with a distinguished career in public policy focusing on health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations. She has published widely, and frequently testifies on health policy issues. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Doctor of Science in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University.

Robin Rudowitz

Robin Rudowitz is a Principal Policy Analyst for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, a major initiative of the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Commission functions as a policy institute and forum for analyzing health care coverage and access for the low-income population and assessing options for reform. Ms. Rudowitz, who has been with the Commission since August 2004, identifies policy opportunities for the Commission, develops and oversees some of the Commission's research, and develops and writes Commission publications. Her work focuses on Medicaid financing issues. Prior to coming to the Commission, Ms. Rudowitz was a Senior Manager at The Lewin Group, a health policy and management consulting firm, where she worked on a wide variety of health policy and delivery issues related to safety-net providers, Medicaid payments and the uninsured. Ms. Rudowitz has also spent time working on budget and health policy issues at the federal, state and local levels of government. From 1999 to 2001 she served as the Medicaid Director in the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Prior to that, she worked for the District of Columbia's Chief Financial Officer, overseeing funding for the District's Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and public health programs. She also worked at the Congressional Budget Office preparing estimates for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program through the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and before that for the Ways and Means Committee for the New York State Assembly. Ms. Rudowitz was educated at Cornell University where she earned her undergraduate degree and a Master's in Public Administration.

Vernon K. Smith

Vernon Smith is a Principal with Health Management Associates, where he focuses on Medicaid, Medicare, SCHIP, state budgets and trends in the health care market place. He has authored several reports on enrollment, spending and policy trends in Medicaid and SCHIP, on the Medicare prescription drug benefit, and on state directions to address the uninsured. Before joining HMA, Dr. Smith served as Michigan Medicaid director and as budget director for the human services agency during 30 years of public service. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University. Among other involvements, he serves on the Board of Trustees of Anderson University, his undergraduate Alma Mater.