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## The Affordable Care Act: Spotlight on California

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### Panelist Biographies

**Drew Altman, Ph.D.**, is an innovator in the world of foundations and a leading expert on national health policy who publishes and speaks widely on health issues. He founded the current-day Kaiser Family Foundation in the early 1990's. A leader in health policy, communication and journalism, the Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation based in Menlo Park, CA, with offices and its Barbara Jordan Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Altman was Commissioner of the Department of Human Services for the state of New Jersey, Director of Health and Human Services at the Pew Charitable Trusts, Vice President of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and served in the Carter administration. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was on the Governing Council from 2007 to 2012. Dr. Altman earned his Ph.D. in political science at MIT and completed his post-doctoral work at Harvard University before moving on to public service. He holds an honorary doctorate from the Morehouse School of Medicine.

**Diana Dooley**, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency, appointed December 2010 by Governor Jerry Brown, leads 13 state departments within the Agency, chairs Covered California (the Health Benefit Exchange) and serves as chair or member of numerous other boards and commissions. Previously, Dooley was President and CEO of the California Children's Hospital Association. Dooley began her career as an analyst for the State and in 1975, she was appointed to the staff of Governor Jerry Brown for whom she served as Legislative Director and Special Assistant until the end of his term in 1983. Before becoming an attorney in 1995, she owned a public relations and advertising agency. Dooley moved into health care in 2000 when she left her private law practice to serve as General Counsel and Vice President at Children's Hospital Central California. Dooley is active in civic and community affairs, having served on the Boards of Directors of the UC Merced Foundation, Blood Source of Northern California and The Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno. She is also a past president of Planned Parenthood, the Visalia Chamber of Commerce and the Central California Futures Institute. Dooley is a native of Hanford, California and graduated from Hanford High School in 1969. She received her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from California State University, Fresno in 1972 and her law degree from San Joaquin College of Law in 1995. She is married to Dan Dooley and has two adult daughters.

**Toby Douglas** was appointed director of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on January 7, 2011, by Governor Brown. Home to the state's Medicaid program, called Medi-Cal, DHCS administers programs to support the vital health care needs of nearly 9.2 million Californians. DHCS employs 3,400 staff members and manages expenditures of more than \$70 billion in public funds. Douglas had been chief deputy director since 2009 and held leadership positions in the

department since 2005. From 2001 to 2005, Douglas was a senior manager of activities related to health access, policy, and planning at the San Mateo County Health Department. Before that, Douglas was a research associate at the Urban Institute, a non-partisan, social policy research organization in Washington, D.C., and an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. Douglas graduated from the University of California, Berkeley (Cal), with a bachelor's degree in economics. He also earned master's degrees in public health and public policy from Cal.

**Rachel Garfield, Ph.D.**, is a Senior Researcher and Associate Director at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she is responsible for directing data analysis on insurance coverage and access to care for the low-income population. She also conducts work in public financing for behavioral health services. Her work has appeared in several clinical and policy peer-reviewed journals. Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Dr. Garfield was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health; she has also held positions as a policy analyst in Medicaid/CHIP policy and research consultant for hospital operations and management. Dr. Garfield received her PhD in health policy from Harvard University and holds an M.H.S. in health policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

**Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.** is the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the second largest health system in the nation. Previously, he was the Director of Health for the City and County of San Francisco for thirteen years. Prior to becoming the Director in San Francisco, he served the Department in a number of positions, including Director of the AIDS Office and Director of the Emergency Medical Services Agency. He practices medicine as a primary care doctor at Edward R. Roybal Comprehensive Health Center.

**Peter Long, Ph.D.**, is the president and CEO of Blue Shield of California Foundation. He leads the Foundation in its mission to improve the lives of all Californians, particularly the underserved, by making health care accessible, effective, and affordable, and by ending domestic violence. In 2013 alone, the Foundation provided \$34 million to 326 organizations across California, making it one of the state's largest grantmaking institutions. Prior to joining Blue Shield of California Foundation, Dr. Long served in leadership roles at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and The California Endowment. He has extensive experience working on health policy issues at the state, national, and global levels, and has written numerous papers on the topic. Dr. Long also served as the director of development and programs for the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley in San Jose, before assuming his position there as executive director. Previously, in Cape Town, South Africa, Dr. Long was a legislative analyst for the National Progressive Primary Health Care Network during the country's transition to democracy. Outside of his role as CEO, Dr. Long is actively involved in multiple healthcare and professional organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for Grantmakers in Health and the Governance Board at the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review. He is also an advisor to The Aspen Institute's Veterans Initiative, which works to meet the mental health needs of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, Dr. Long is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Value and Science-Driven Health Care, and practices as an adjunct professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Fielding School of Public Health. Dr. Long received a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University; a master's in health policy from The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health; and his doctorate in health services from the University of California, Los Angeles. He currently lives in the Bay Area with his wife and three children.

**Philip M. Schiliro** is currently the White House Advisor for Health Policy and Reform. He previously served as the President's Director of Legislative Affairs in 2009 and 2010. Prior to his time in the Obama Administration, Schiliro worked in the United States Congress for more than 25 years. During his time on the Hill he served as the Chief of Staff to Representative Henry Waxman and the House Oversight Committee, the Policy Director for Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle and Staff Director of the Senate Democratic Leadership Committees.

**Anthony Wright** has served as Executive Director for Health Access California, the statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition, for over a decade, since 2002. Health Access has led state and national efforts to win consumer protections, fight budget cuts and invest in our safety-net, encourage prevention, and advance coverage expansions and comprehensive health reform. Wright led California's coalition effort to help pass the Affordable Care Act and state laws to implement and improve it, and campaigns to successfully pass first-in-the-nation laws to ensure timely access to care, and to stop hospital overcharging of the uninsured. As a consumer advocate and community organizer, Wright has been widely quoted in state and national media. He has also worked for New Jersey Citizen Action, the Center for Media Education, The Nation magazine, and in Vice President Gore's office in the White House. Born and raised in the Bronx, Wright graduated from Amherst College magna cum laude in both English and Sociology. He lives in Davis with his wife Jessica, his son Jefferson, a turtle Tortuga, and two cats, Patience and Fortitude.

**Ron Yee, MD, MBA, FAFAP.** Dr. Yee received his medical degree from Oral Roberts University School of Medicine and completed his Family Practice residency and Chief Resident position through UC San Francisco, Fresno, CA. Ron was employed by United Health Centers in Parlier, California, an eight-site Community-Migrant health center for the past two decades. He obtained his MBA from Golden Gate University, San Francisco. Dr. Yee achieved the distinguished Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians in 2010. He served as faculty and team coach for two BPHC Patient Visit Redesign Collaboratives and two Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Redesign-Finance Collaboratives. Ron is a graduate of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) EXCELL Leadership Program and was elected to the Executive Committee as Treasurer in September of 2008. He is a member of the National Advisory Council for the National Health Service Corps; appointed in 2010. Through his 20-year health center service Dr. Yee has developed a passion for patient care and communicates a unique blend of clinical practice style efficiency, care team focus, practical financial applications and organizational transformation. He recently accepted the position as the Chief Medical Officer for NACHC and serves in the Bethesda, MD office in October 2013.