



THE KAISER COMMISSION ON **Medicaid and the Uninsured**

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**Striving to Make Ends Meet:
Low-Income Families' Finances and Health Coverage**
April 20, 9:30-11:30 am, Barbara Jordan Conference Center, 1330 G St., NW, Washington, DC

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured is sponsoring a breakfast briefing to discuss low-income families' finances and health coverage. E.J. Dionne will kick off the event with formal remarks, Julie Hudman will highlight findings from a new Commission report, and Jared Bernstein and Ron Haskins will participate in a panel discussion focusing on such questions as: Are there adequate supports for low-income working families? How does health affect family well-being and finances? Are changes in the job market leading to employer-based coverage becoming more out-of-reach? Can health coverage be made more accessible and affordable?

Introduction

Diane Rowland, ScD, (moderator) Executive Director, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured

Opening Remarks

E.J. Dionne, Jr., PhD, *Washington Post* Columnist and Professor in the Foundations of Democracy and Culture, Georgetown University

Report Findings

Julie Hudman, PhD, Associate Director, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured

Panel Discussion

Jared Bernstein, PhD, Senior Economist, Economic Policy Institute

Ron Haskins, PhD, Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution

Kyu Rhee, MD, MPP, Medical Director, Upper Cardozo Community Health Center

Question and Answer Session

Space is limited, please RSVP to Tiffany Ford at (202) 347-5270 or e-mail: press@kff.org

The Commission has long focused its work on health care coverage and access for the low-income population, with a special focus on Medicaid's role and coverage of the uninsured. The policy briefing will present highlights from *Challenges and Tradeoffs in Low-Income Family Budgets: Implications for Health Coverage*, which profiles 12 American families examining their budgets and spending and the tradeoffs they made, including their struggles with health coverage. Additionally, *Faces of Medicaid*, which profiles Medicaid's role for the diverse populations it serves, will be released.