

BIOGRAPHIES

MEDICAID 101: What You Need to Know About America's Health Coverage Program for Low-Income and Disabled People March 9, 2001

CHRISTINE C. FERGUSON, director of the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, is leading the development of interdepartmental initiatives in both health and welfare reform. Prior to becoming human services commissioner, she was counsel and deputy chief of staff for U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee, with whom she designed the leading Republican alternative to the Clinton health care reform plan. Ms. Ferguson has served on the advisory committee for the Kaiser Family Foundation's Innovations in State Health Reform, the task force on Medicaid managed care with the National Academy for State Health Policy, and the technical assistance committee for the Advisory Council on Social Security. Ms. Ferguson is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Washington College of Law at American University.

DIANE ROWLAND is executive vice president of The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and executive director of The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and a Brookdale senior fellow. Dr. Rowland serves on the Board of the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, the Secretary's Task Force on Infant Mortality, and The Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Health Insurance for Working Americans. Her federal health policy experience includes the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment in the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration. Dr. Rowland specializes in issues related to health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing or low-income, elderly, and disabled populations and has published widely on these subjects. Dr. Rowland holds a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a master's in public administration from the University of California-Los Angeles and a doctor of science degree in health policy and management from Johns Hopkins University.

ANDY SCHNEIDER has over twenty five years of experience with the Medicaid program, including fifteen as Counsel to the Subcommittee on Health and Environment of the House Commerce Committee, then chaired by Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA). During the course of his Hill career, he staffed Medicaid issues for the Subcommittee on ten budget reconciliation bills from OBRA 80 through OBRA 93, the 1998 Medicare Catastrophic legislation, the 1988 Family Support Act, and the 1991 Provider Tax and Donations legislation. After leaving the Hill in 1996,

Andy joined the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities as Health Counsel. He founded his consulting firm, Medicaid Policy LLC, in January 2000, to work with providers, state agencies, university-based research groups, foundations and public interest organizations on Medicaid policy issues.