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Health Care Affordability: How to Control Costs in California?
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BIOGRAPHIES

Glenn Melnick, PhD, Senior Fellow, USC Schaeffer Center, Blue Cross of California Chair in Health Care Finance, USC Price School of Public Policy

Professor Glenn Melnick is an expert in health economics and finance. He joined the USC Price School of Public Policy faculty in 1996 and currently holds the Blue Cross of California Chair in Health Care Finance. Previously, he served as a faculty member of the UCLA School of Public Health, a consultant at RAND and an expert witness to the Federal Trade Commission. He has been published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, *Health Affairs*, *Medical Care*, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, *Health Policy Reform: Competition and Controls*, and *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*.

Laurel Lucia, Director, Health Care Program, UC Berkeley Labor Center

Laurel Lucia is director of the Health Care Program at the Labor Center, where she has worked since 2009 analyzing health care policy. Her recent papers have examined the impact of rising health care costs for workers in California, shifts in health coverage during COVID-19, health coverage and economic impacts of Affordable Care Act repeal on California, California's Medicaid expansion, health insurance for California immigrants, and the remaining uninsured in California. She also analyzes the economic impact of public policy changes. Her work has been covered in the Los Angeles Times, the Atlantic, and National Public Radio. Laurel holds a Master of Public Policy from UC Berkeley and a Bachelor's in Public Policy from Stanford University.

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Cheryl Damberg, PhD, *Chair in Health Care Payment Policy and Principal Senior Researcher, RAND Corporation*

Cheryl Damberg's body of research explores the impact of various strategies being deployed to drive cost and quality improvements in the U.S. health system and how providers are working to redesign of health care delivery in response to new payment models and increased accountability for performance. Dr. Damberg testified twice before Congress regarding how to include pay for performance into revisions to Medicare physician payments and has advised Congress, federal agencies, the UK National Health Service, Germany, and South Korea on embedding P4P into provider payments. Dr. Damberg is the Director of RAND's Center of Excellence on Health System Performance, which is characterizing and studying health systems and identifying the attributes of health systems associated with high performance. Dr. Damberg is vice-chair of the OSHPD Healthcare Payments Data Program Review Committee, which is helping develop a plan for California's all-payer claims database.

Michael D. Valle, *Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director for Information Services, California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development*

Michael D. Valle is Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director for Information Services at the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, where he oversees data analytics and technology. Michael has worked since 2009 in various data and technology policy and management roles. Michael holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California's Price School of Public Policy.

Mary Watanabe, *Acting Director, Department of Managed Health Care*

Mary Watanabe is the Acting Director of the California Department of Managed Health Care, the state entity that oversees health plans that provide health care services to more than 26 million Californians. As Acting Director, Mary is responsible for protecting consumers' health care rights and ensuring a stable health care delivery system in accordance with federal and state rules. Mary joined the department in 2015 as the Deputy Director for Health Policy and Stakeholder Relations, where she was responsible for fostering proactive and effective relations between the DMHC and its stakeholders, while serving as primary advisor to the Director on critical issues and providing strategic planning and policy direction on emerging issues and industry trends. Mary holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from California State University, Sacramento.

Thomas Greaney, J.D., *Visiting Professor of Law, UC Hastings Law School*

Thomas (Tim) Greaney, JD, is a Visiting Professor of Law at UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco and Distinguished Senior Fellow with the UC Hastings/UCSF Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy. He is also Chester A. Myers Emeritus Professor of Law at Saint Louis University School of Law where he served as Director of the Center for Health Law Studies. His research focuses on the application of antitrust law to the health care sector, health care financing, and health care law and policy. He has written over 60 scholarly articles and chapters and is co-author of the nation's leading health law casebook, HEALTH LAW: CASES, MATERIALS AND PROBLEMS (West, 8th edition 2018) and a treatise on health law, HEALTH LAW (WEST 3RD ED. 2014). He has testified on health care competition issues before the Judiciary Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the California Department of Insurance, and has spoken at workshops of the Federal Trade Commission. He has commented on health policy and law issues in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and many other publications. Before entering academia, he served as an Assistant Chief in the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, supervising health care antitrust litigation. Professor Greaney has been named Health Law Professor of the Year by the American Society of Law and Medicine and has been a Fulbright Fellow studying European Community competition law in Brussels, Belgium. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Chris Whaley, PhD, *Policy Researcher; Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School*

Christopher Whaley is a policy researcher at the RAND Corporation and professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School. His research focuses on using large-scale medical claims data to examine how information and financial incentives influence patient's choice of providers, how providers respond to changes in consumer incentives, and how employers and insurers can design insurance benefits to promote value.

His research has been published in a variety of clinical, health policy, and economics journals. He is the lead author of a JAMA paper that examines the effects of online price transparency information. This paper was a finalist for the 2015 National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation Annual Health Care Research Award. He also received the 2015 AHRQ Research Conference Director's Award for a paper published in JAMA Internal Medicine that examines the effect of reference pricing on consumer choice of providers for cancer screening services. Whaley received a B.A. in economics from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in health economics from the University of California, Berkeley.