



Is Medicare Affordable? A Policy Discussion About Challenges and Options

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BIOGRAPHIES

Julie Rovner

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Prior to joining Kaiser Health News in 2014, Julie Rovner spent 15 years as health policy correspondent for NPR, specializing in the politics of health care. Rovner served as NPR's lead correspondent covering the passage and implementation of the 2010 health overhaul bill, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

A noted expert on health policy issues, Rovner is the author of a critically-praised reference book *Health Care Politics and Policy A-Z*. Rovner is also co-author of the book *Managed Care Strategies 1997*, and has contributed to several other books, including two chapters in *Intensive Care: How Congress Shapes Health Policy*, edited by political scientists Norman Ornstein and Thomas Mann.

In 2005, Rovner was awarded the Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for distinguished reporting of Congress for her coverage of the passage of the Medicare prescription drug law and its aftermath. Rovner has appeared on television on the *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, CNN, C-Span, MSNBC, and *NOW with Bill Moyers*. Her articles have appeared in dozens of national newspapers and magazines, including *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Modern Maturity*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Prior to NPR, Rovner covered health for *National Journal's CongressDaily* and before that for the *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, specializing in health care financing, abortion, welfare and disability issues. She has been a regular contributor to the British medical journal *The Lancet*, and her columns on patients' rights for the magazine *Business and Health* won her a share of the 1999 Jesse H. Neal National Business Journalism Award.

Rovner has a degree in political science from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Marilyn Moon

Institute Fellow, American Institutes for Research
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Marilyn Moon is an Institute Fellow at the American Institutes for Research and director of the Center on Aging. In this position, she writes about Medicare reform, consumer engagement and issues facing an aging society.

From 2003 to 2013, she directed the Health Program at AIR. A nationally known economist and expert on Medicare, aging, consumer health issues and health care financing, Moon has also served as a senior fellow at the Urban Institute, a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office and an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. From 2008 through 2012 she chaired the Maryland Health Care Commission, and she was a public trustee for the Social Security and Medicare trust funds from 1995 to 2000. She has written extensively on health policy and other social insurance issues; she wrote a column on health reform for the *Washington Post* in the 1990s. She has served on a number of boards for nonprofit organizations, including the Medicare Rights Center and the National Academy of Social Insurance. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

Moon earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2014, she received the Robert M. Ball award for outstanding achievements in social insurance from the National Academy of Social Insurance.

Henry J. Aaron

Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Senior Fellow, Economic Studies Program, Brookings Institution



Henry J. Aaron is currently Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Senior Fellow in the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution. He is a member of the District of Columbia Health Benefits Exchange and is chair of

the Social Security Advisory Board. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the advisory committee of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, and the board of Directors of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

From 1990 through 1996, Aaron was the director of the Economic Studies Program at Brookings. He taught at the University of Maryland from 1967 through 1989, except for 1977 and 1978 when he served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He chaired the 1979 Advisory Council on Social Security. During the academic year 1996-97 he was a Guggenheim Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University.

Aaron is a graduate of UCLA and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. He has been a member of the visiting committee of the medical and dental schools and of the economics department at Harvard University. He was a member of the board of directors of Abt Associates. He was a founding member, vice-president and chair of the board of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He has been vice president and member of the executive committee of the American Economic Association and was president of the Association of Public Policy and Management. He has been a member of the boards of directors of the College Retirement Equity Fund and Georgetown University.

William J. Scanlon

Consultant, West Health Institute



William J. Scanlon is a consultant to the West Health Institute. He is also the public member of the American Board of Surgery. He has served on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, the Visiting Nurse Service of New York Board of Trustees, the National Commission for Quality Long-Term Care, and the 2005 White House Conference on Aging Advisory

Committee. Until April 2004, he was the managing director of health care issues at the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO).

Previously, Scanlon was the co-director of the Georgetown University Center for Health Policy Studies and a principal research associate at the Urban Institute. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

C. Eugene Steuerle

Institute Fellow and Richard B. Fischer Chair, Urban Institute



Eugene Steuerle is an institute fellow and the Richard B. Fischer chair at the Urban Institute. Among past positions, he served as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury for Tax Analysis (1987–89), president of the National Tax Association (2001–02), codirector of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and chair of the 1999 Technical Panel advising Social Security on its methods and assumptions. Between 1984 and 1986 he served as economic coordinator and original organizer of the Treasury's tax reform effort, which Treasury and White House officials acknowledged would not have moved forward without his leadership.

Steuerle is the author, coauthor, or coeditor of 16 books, and numerous publications and congressional testimonies, including *Dead Men Ruling*, *Contemporary U.S. Tax Policy* (2nd edition), *Nonprofits and Business*, and *Retooling Social Security for the 21st Century*.

He is a cofounder of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and Urban's Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, as well as cofounder and chair of Act for Alexandria, a community foundation. He serves or has served as an elected, appointed, advisory panel, or board member for the Congressional Budget Office, Comptroller General of the United States, the Joint Committee on Taxation, Venture Philanthropy Partners, and the National Center on Philanthropy and the Law, among others.

Among other honors, Steuerle received the first Bruce Davie-Albert Davis Public Service Award from the National Tax Association in 2005, and distinguished or outstanding alumnus awards from the University of Dayton and St. Xavier High School.

Gail R. Wilensky

Economist and Senior Fellow, Project HOPE



Gail R. Wilensky is an economist and senior fellow at Project HOPE, an international health foundation. She directed the Medicare and Medicaid programs and served in the White House as a senior adviser on health and welfare issues to President George H.W. Bush. She was also the first chair of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. Her expertise is on strategies to reform health care, with particular emphasis on Medicare, comparative effectiveness research and military health care.

Wilensky currently serves as a trustee of the Combined Benefits Fund of the United Mine Workers of America and the National Opinion Research Center, is on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) and the Board of Directors of the Geisinger Health System Foundation, United Health Group, Quest Diagnostics and Brainscope. She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, served two terms on its governing council and currently chairs the Healthcare Servicing Board. She is a former chair of the board of directors of Academy Health, a former trustee of the American Heart Association and a current or former director of numerous other non-profit organizations.

Wilensky testifies frequently before congressional committees, serves as an advisor to members of Congress and other elected officials, and speaks nationally and internationally. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Michigan and has received several honorary degrees.