

# Health Care Costs: Key Federal and State Strategies

## Speaker Biographies

### Keynote Speaker

#### United States Senator Maggie Hassan



U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, Elected in 2016

Member of:

- The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- The Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)
- The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- The Joint Economic Committee

New Hampshire's 81st Governor, sworn in January 2013

New Hampshire State Senate, 23rd District, 2004

### Panelists

#### Joseph Antos, PhD

Wilson H. Taylor Scholar in Health Care and Retirement Policy

Medicare, Medicaid, Health care policy and financing, Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), Federal budget policy



Joseph Antos is the Wilson H. Taylor Resident Scholar in Health Care and Retirement Policy at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where his research focuses on the economics of health policy — including the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, the uninsured, and the overall reform of the health care system and its financing. He also studies the impact of health care expenditures on federal budget policy.

Before joining AEI, Antos was assistant director for health and human resources at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). He

has also held senior positions in the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Management and Budget, and the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He recently completed a seven-year term as health adviser to CBO, and two terms as a commissioner of the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission. In 2013, he was also named Adjunct Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University. Antos has a PhD and a Master of Arts in economics from the University of Rochester, and a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Cornell University.

## Robert L. Bixby, JD

Executive Director, The Concord Coalition



Robert L. Bixby is executive director of The Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan organization that encourages fiscal responsibility in Washington and helps educate the public about the federal budget and the need to protect our children and future generations from excessive government debt.

Bixby joined Concord in 1992 and served in several positions, including policy director and national field director, before being named executive director in 1999. He has served as a member of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force (the Domenici-Rivlin commission), which produced a model plan for comprehensive fiscal reform.

He frequently speaks around the country on the nation's fiscal challenges and possible bipartisan solutions, including greater government efficiency, tax reform and improvements in the entitlement program. He has testified at congressional hearings and been interviewed by news organizations around the country. Bixby has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, CNN and Fox News.

He and The Concord Coalition's "Fiscal Wake-Up Tour" were also featured prominently in the critically-acclaimed documentary film "I.O.U.S.A."

Bixby has a bachelor's degree in political science from American University, a juris doctorate from George Mason University School of Law, and a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Before joining Concord, he practiced law and served as the chief staff attorney of the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

## John McDonough, DrPH, MPA

Professor of Practice, Department of Health Policy & Management

Director, Executive & Continuing Professional Education (ECPE), Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health



John E. McDonough, DrPH, MPA is Professor of Public Health Practice in the Department of Health Policy & Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Director of the [Center for Executive and Continuing Professional Education](#).

In 2010, he was the Joan H. Tisch Distinguished Fellow in Public Health at Hunter College in New York City. Between 2008 and 2010, he served as a Senior Advisor on National Health Reform to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions where he worked on the development and passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Between 2003 and 2008, he served as Executive Director of Health Care for All, Massachusetts' leading consumer health advocacy organization, where he played a key role in passage and implementation of the 2006 Massachusetts health reform law. Between 1998 and 2003, he was an Associate Professor at the Heller School at Brandeis University and a Senior Associate at the Schneider Institute for Health Policy. From 1985 to 1997, he served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives where he co-chaired the Joint Committee on Health Care.

His articles have appeared in Health Affairs, the New England Journal of Medicine and other journals. He has written three books, *Inside National Health Reform*, published in September 2011 by the University of California Press and the Milbank Fund, *Experiencing Politics: A Legislator's Stories of Government and Health Care* by the University of California Press and the Milbank Fund in 2000, and *Interests, Ideas, and Deregulation: The Fate of Hospital Rate Setting* by the University of Michigan Press in 1998.

He received a doctorate in public health in 1996 from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan and a master's in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 1990.

## Trish Riley

Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy



Trish Riley, Executive Director of the National Academy for State Health Policy, built that organization as CEO from 1988-2003.

She led Maine's Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance and was Federal liaison during the ACA deliberations.

Riley held appointive positions under five Maine governors. She served on the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, and was a member of MACPAC, an Institute of Medicine's Subcommittee and served on the Board of the NCQA.

## Lucy Hodder, JD

Director of Health Law and Policy Programs, Professor of Law, UNH School of Law, College of Health and Human Services, Institute for Health Policy and Practice



Lucy Hodder is the director of health law and policy programs at the University of New Hampshire, a professor of law at UNH School of Law, and a member of the leadership team at the Institute for Health Policy and Practice. She developed and oversees the Certificate in Health Law and Policy program for law students and teaches a variety of health law courses including Current Issues in Health Law and Policy, Health Law and Industry Regulation and bioInnovation, Research Collaboration and the Law.

She most recently served as Legal Counsel to former New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and her senior health care policy director. Previously a shareholder in the firm of Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C, and Chair of the firm's Healthcare Practice Group, Lucy assisted providers and businesses navigate the changing health care environment. Prior to private practice, Lucy served as an Assistant Attorney General in the New Hampshire Department of Justice. Lucy graduated from Princeton University and Georgetown University Law Center.