

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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MARILYN MOON is vice president and director of the health program at the American Institutes for Research. She is an expert on Medicare and social insurance. Her current interests include improving information on comparative effectiveness and other health care research for consumers. She previously served as a senior fellow at the Urban Institute and as a public trustee for the Social Security and Medicare trust funds. Earlier, she was an associate professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, and the founding Director of the Public Policy Institute of the American Association of Retired Persons. Dr. Moon has published extensively on health policy, both for the elderly and the population in general, and is frequently quoted in the media. Recent publications include *Medicare: A Policy Primer*, published by the Urban Institute and "Toward a Rational, Value Based Drug Benefit for Medicare" published in *Health Affairs*. From 1993 to 2000, she wrote a column for the Washington Post on health reform and health coverage issues. She has served on a number of boards for non-profit organizations and is a member of the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Moon earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.