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## Impact of Proposals for Universal Health Insurance Coverage on Access to Health Professionals

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The Affordable Care Act has substantially increased the number of Californians who have health insurance but has had limited impact on health care costs. In recent years, California policymakers have considered multiple proposals to further increase the number of Californians who have health insurance and to make insurance more affordable. Although the goal of these proposals is to increase access to care, their ability to do so hinges on key details such as the rates at which health care providers are paid and the manner in which they are paid. This lecture will address implications of major health insurance reform proposals for access to physicians and suggest strategies for maximizing the likelihood that efforts to increase access to affordable insurance do not negatively affect access to care.



Janet M. Coffman is a professor at the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, Healthforce Center, and the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She has authored numerous publications on supply and demand for health professionals, access to health professionals, strategies for improving the geographic distribution and racial/ethnic diversity of health professionals, and the impact of health insurance reform proposals on health professionals. Professor Coffman also serves as a Vice Chair of the California Health Benefits Review Program under which University of California faculty analyze health benefit mandate bills introduced in the California State Legislature. She is the Deputy Director of the UCSF/UC-Hastings Masters of Science Program in Health Policy and Law and teaches in the program. Professor Coffman received a PhD in Health Services and Policy Analysis and a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

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