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Anne Beal

Senior Program Officer
Quality of Care for Underserved Populations
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Anne Beal, M.D., M.P.H., is senior program officer for the Program on Quality of Care for Underserved Populations at The Commonwealth Fund. The goal of the program is to improve quality and reduce disparities in healthcare for low income and racial/ethnic minority patients by promoting quality improvement innovations and addressing barriers to quality improvement adoptions that would benefit the underserved. Prior to joining the Fund, Dr. Beal was a health services researcher at the Center for Child and Adolescent Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition, she was associate director of the Multicultural Affairs Office, an attending physician within the division of General Pediatrics, and an instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Beal's research interests include social influences on preventive health behaviors for minorities, racial disparities in health care, and quality of care for child health.

She is also the author of *The Black Parenting Book: Caring for Our Children in the First Five Years*. Dr. Beal has been a pediatric commentator and medical correspondent for "The American Baby Show," "ABC News," and "NBC News." Dr. Beal holds a B.A. from Brown University, an M.D. from Cornell University Medical College, and an M.P.H. from Columbia University. She completed her internship, residency, and NRSA fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

Garth N. Graham

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health
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Garth N. Graham, M.D., M.P.H., is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in the Office of Minority Health at the Department of Health and Human Services. The Office of Minority Health develops and coordinates Federal health policy that addresses minority health concerns and ensures that Federal, State and local health programs take into account the needs of disadvantaged, racial and ethnic populations. The Office of Minority Health (OMH) was created by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in 1986 as a result of the Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health. He was previously appointed a White House Fellow and special assistant to former Secretary Tommy G. Thompson at the Department of Health and Human Services. He founded the Boston Men's Cardiovascular Health Project, a project designed to identify behavioral explanations for decreased adherence to adequate diet and exercise by African American men. Dr Graham was the Founding Senior Editorial Board Member of the Yale Journal of Health, Law, Policy, and Ethics, served on the Editorial Board of the Yale Journal of Biology and Science, Public Health Reports and a number of other guest editorial boards. He also served on the Public Health Executive Council of

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the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Board of Directors of Physicians for Human Rights, Chairman of the American Medical Association/MSS National Minority Issues Committee and on the Steering Committee of the Boston Men's Health Coalition. He is currently on the faculty of Harvard Medical School where he trained in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and serves as a visiting scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health. He has authored scientific articles and presentations on cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS and community medicine.

Dora L. Hughes

Health Policy Advisor to Senator Barack Obama

Dora Hughes, M.D., advises Senator Barack Obama on a broad range of health issues and helps to develop his national policy and legislative agenda. She previously served as Deputy Director for Health for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions in the United States Senate. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Dr. Hughes served as Senior Program Officer at The Commonwealth Fund, a national health foundation in New York City. She completed medical school at Vanderbilt University, residency at Brigham & Women's Hospital and public health school at Harvard University. Dr. Hughes is board-certified in internal medicine.

Anna Maria Izquierdo-Porrera

Medical Director

Spanish Catholic Center

Anna Maria Izquierdo-Porrera, M.D., received her medical degree from the Universitat de Barcelona in 1993. She then underwent specialization training in Geriatric Medicine at the Hospital General de Granollers. After working as an attending physician in Spain in 1998 she came to the U.S. to further her interest in clinical research. She completed a Geriatric Fellowship at the University of Maryland and an Internal Medicine Residency at Franklin Square Hospital Center. She is currently completing her PhD in the department of medicine at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Dr Izquierdo currently serves as medical director of the Spanish Catholic Center where she practices primary care as well as fulfills her administrative duties. She is working on the establishment of a Quality Improvement Initiative with the goal of providing high quality care for those patients without insurance who receive care at the Spanish Catholic Center. She also serves as the vice chair for the DCPCA, Co-Chair for the Latino Health Steering Committee of Montgomery County and Chair of the Sub-Committee for International Medical Graduates of the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

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Steve C. Schoenbaum

Executive Vice President
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Stephen C. Schoenbaum, M.D., is executive vice president for programs at The Commonwealth Fund and executive director of the Fund's Commission on a High Performance Health System. From 1993 to 1999, he was the medical director and then president of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England, a mixed-model HMO delivery system in Providence, RI. Prior to that, he was deputy medical director at Harvard Community Health Plan in the Boston area, where his roles included developing specialty services, disease management programs, clinical guidelines, and enhancing the Plan's computerized clinical information systems. Nationally, he played a significant role in the development of HEDIS quality indicators. Dr. Schoenbaum is a lecturer in the department of ambulatory care and prevention at Harvard Medical School, a department he helped to found, and the author of over 150 medical publications. He is a board member of the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics, the American College of Physician Executives, and the Picker Institute. He is also a longstanding member of the International Advisory Committee to the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School at Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva, Israel, and an honorary member of the British Association of Medical Managers, and an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.