

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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1. Your Name: Joan Alker		
2. Your Title: Executive Director, Georgetown Center for Children and Families		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: None		
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Signature



Date: 4/11/2016

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Overview of Qualifications

Alker is the Executive Director of the Georgetown Center for Children and Families and an Associate Research Professor at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. She is widely regarded as a leading national expert on Medicaid policy and is routinely quoted in all major media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *National Public Radio* to name a few. A reporter for the Washington Post's Wonkblog described Alker as "the smartest person I know on Medicaid."

Her current work focuses primarily on public coverage for low-income families through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Additional areas of interest include the role of employer-sponsored coverage in public programs, Medicaid Section 1115 waivers, and Medicaid managed care. A frequent public speaker, Alker has testified before the U.S. Congress and in numerous state legislatures and has served on various advisory panels for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Partial list of 2015 Publications

Alker J et al. *Medicaid Premium Assistance Programs: What Information is Available About Benefit and Cost-Sharing Wrap-Around Coverage* (Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured) December 2015.

Alker, J and Chester, A. *Children's Health Insurance Rates in 2014: ACA Results in Significant Improvements* (Georgetown Center for Children and Families) October 2015.

With Chester, A. *Medicaid at 50: A Look at the Long-Term Benefits of Childhood Medicaid* (Georgetown CCF) July 2015

A full list of recent publications is available online at ccf.georgetown.edu.

Recent Congressional Testimony

Testimony before Energy and Commerce Committee, U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health "Examining the Administration's Approval of Medicaid Demonstration Projects" June 24, 2015

"Premium Assistance Programs: Do They Work for Low-Income Families?" March 15, 2007

Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee

Alker has also testified in numerous state legislatures including most recently the Florida's Senate Select Committee on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on the question of Medicaid expansion in 2014.

Expert Panels

Technical Expert Panel on Children's Coverage and the Affordable Care Act
Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2014

Appointed by U.S. Secretaries of Labor and Health and Human Services to the CHIP Working Group authorized by section 311(b)(1)(C) of CHIPRA (P.L.111-3), from 2009-2010.

Employment History

Health Policy Institute, Georgetown University

Research Faculty		September 2002 – Present
Executive Director	Center for Children and Families	June 2009 – present

Families USA

Associate Director, Government Affairs April 1994-July 2002

National Coalition for the Homeless

Assistant Director May 1989-April 1994
Policy Analyst

Education

St. Antony's College, Oxford University, Oxford, England

M.Phil in Politics June 1988

Bryn Mawr College

A.B. with Honors in Political Science May 1985

Other

Member, Board of Directors, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless 1995-present