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BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

Jean Abraham, PhD, is the Wegmiller Professor and Director of the Master of Healthcare Administration program in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on employer and employee decision-making with respect to health benefits; employer wellness program evaluation; and understanding the impact of the Affordable Care Act on insurers, employers, and consumers. For the 2008–2009 academic year, Abraham served as the senior economist on health issues with the President’s Council of Economic Advisers in Washington, DC.

Victoria Blinder, MD, MSc, is a medical oncologist with a practice that is dedicated to the treatment of patients with breast cancer. She is also a health services researcher, with dual appointments in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the Department of Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Her primary research interest is in disparities in employment and related outcomes in breast cancer survivors and in the development of interventions to minimize these disparities. Additional research interests include patient-physician communication about treatment planning and survivorship as well as ethnic disparities in clinical breast cancer outcomes and the financial impact of breast cancer on economically disadvantaged populations.

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Brian Gifford, PhD, is Director of Research for the Integrated Benefits Institute (IBI), a 501(c)(6) non-profit association. His work examines the workforce productivity implications of issues such as health risks and chronic conditions, high-deductible health plans and specialty pharmaceuticals. His past appointments include a postdoctoral fellowship in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Scholars in Health Policy Research Program at the University of California, Berkeley, and as a social scientist with the RAND Corporation.

Sherry Glied, PhD, MA, is Dean of New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She previously served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. From 1989-2013, she was Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, and was Chair of Columbia’s Department of Health Policy and Management from 1998-2009. Earlier she served as Senior Economist for health care and labor market policy on the President’s Council of Economic Advisers under Presidents George HW Bush and Clinton, and participated in the Clinton Health Care Task Force. She has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Social Insurance, and the Board of

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Douglas L. Leslie, PhD, is a health economist and Professor of Public Health Sciences and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine. He is also the director of the Penn State Center for Applied Studies in Health Economics. His areas of study have included access to care, quality of care, the effects of health care financing on service use and costs, and pharmacoconomics.

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