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A Look Ahead to the 2018 Legislative Session

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**GEORGIANS FOR A
HEALTHY FUTURE**

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the eighth annual Health Care Unscrambled policy breakfast. We take great pride in putting on this event each year and know that many of you have come to think of it as an annual tradition. We are pleased that you are sharing your morning with us to look ahead at the health care issues that impact our state in 2018 and beyond.

We are especially grateful that as we re-convene this year, major damage to coverage, care, and consumer protections has largely been deterred, an unthinkable accomplishment only one year ago. Georgians for a Healthy Future is proud to have played a leadership role in this year's advocacy efforts and is thankful for the many partners here today who continue to lend their energy and resources to protect the millions of Georgians whose basic access to health care hangs in the balance.

While the federal policy environment remains shaky and unstable, there are a host of opportunities of which state advocates and policy makers can take advantage to increase access to care, address affordability, and improve health outcomes for all Georgians. It is clear that extending Medicaid coverage to all low-income Georgians is the most significant step our state can take to improve access to health care statewide. Further there is a new recognition that more must be done to address the behavioral health needs of children and adults in Georgia in the midst of growing epidemics of drug overdoses and suicides. Finally, by looking to the few states that have seen reductions in premiums and gains in consumers protections, we could assure Georgians purchasing their own insurance that their coverage will remain affordable and meaningful.

This morning's program features two conversations that will touch on these consumer issues and more. First, we will hear from a bipartisan group of health-focused state legislators who will fill us in on what they anticipate for the 2018 Legislative Session. The second conversation, *What's Next? Emerging trends and new directions for Medicaid*, will look at how Georgia's Medicaid program may be impacted by recent decisions made by federal policy makers and other states. Robin Rudowitz of the Kaiser Family Foundation brings us her perspective on this timely topic. We look forward to these engaging discussions.

Thank you again for spending your morning with us.

Sincerely,



Laura Colbert, MPH, MCHES
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PROGRAM AGENDA

7:30 – 8:10	Registration and Breakfast
8:15 – 8:20	Welcome By Monica Ponder, <i>Chair-Elect, Georgians for a Healthy Future</i>
8:20 – 9:30	Legislative panel Moderated by Laura Colbert, <i>Executive Director, Georgians for a Healthy Future</i> Featuring: Senator Renee Unterman Senator Elena Parent Representative Mark Newton Representative Bob Trammell
9:35 – 9:45	Introduction of keynote speaker By Deep Shah, <i>Board member, Georgians for a Healthy Future</i>
9:45 – 10:45	What's Next? Emerging trends and new directions for Medicaid By Robin Rudowitz, <i>Kaiser Family Foundation</i>
10:45 – 10:55	Closing remarks By Natalie Hernandez, <i>Board member, Georgians for a Healthy Future</i>



ROBIN RUDOWITZ

*Associate Director, Kaiser Family Foundation,
Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured*

Robin Rudowitz is an Associate Director for the Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she focuses on state and federal Medicaid financing issues and Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining KFF in 2004, Rudowitz was a Senior Manager at The Lewin Group, a health policy and management consulting firm. Rudowitz has worked on budget and health policy issues in different government agencies including the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia, the Congressional Budget Office and the Ways and Means Committee for the New York State Assembly.



SENATOR
RENEE UNTERMAN
(R-45)

Senator Renee Unterman represents District 45, part of Gwinnett County, in the Georgia Senate. She chairs the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and the Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on HHS. Sen. Unterman also serves as the vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. She is also a member of the Insurance and Labor and Rules Committees.

During her tenure in the Senate, Sen. Unterman has concentrated on healthcare policy, serving seniors and children, as well as disadvantaged Georgians. In 2016, she passed legislation placing a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot to create the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund, which passed with more than 83 percent of ballots cast.

Sen. Unterman grew up in Gwinnett County and graduated from Berkmar High School. She holds a degree in nursing from Georgia State University and trained at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. She also has a degree in Social Work from the University of Georgia. After graduation, she worked as an emergency room and critical care nurse.

Senator Unterman previously served on the Gwinnett County Commission, as Mayor of Loganville and in the State House. In 2002, she was elected to the Senate. She and her husband Phil live in Buford.



SENATOR
ELENA PARENT
(D-42)

State Senator Elena Parent was elected to the State Senate in 2014. She represents District 42, which includes portions of central and north DeKalb County.

Sen. Parent is member of the Education and Youth, Judiciary and Special Judiciary committees. She also serves as Secretary for the Government Oversight Committee.

Currently, Sen. Parent serves as the Deputy Whip for the Minority Caucus, Vice Chair of the Senate DeKalb Delegation and Vice Chair of the Working Families Legislative Caucus.

Senator Parent previously served as the State Representative for District 81 in DeKalb County in 2011 and 2012. Senator Parent then continued her public service as the Executive Director of Georgia Watch, the state's leading consumer rights non-profit.

Senator Parent began her career as a litigation attorney at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP and she is active in her community. Currently, she serves on the Board of Visitors for Emory University and the Advisory Board for Olmsted Linear Park Association. She is a proud graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law.

Senator Parent's awards and recognitions include: Atlanta Business Chronicle's "Who's Who Sustainability" feature for her leadership on energy and environmental policy issues; the Fulton County Daily Report's "On the Rise"; the Atlanta Business Chronicle's "40 Under 40"; ACCG's Legislative Service Award; and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers' "Leading Lady".

Senator Parent traces her core beliefs—the importance of family and making the community a better place for all—to her upbringing in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol where her parents stressed the importance of faith and public service.

Senator Parent is married to Briley Brisendine and they are the proud parents of two sons: Brooks, 6, and Reid, 4. They are members of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta.



REPRESENTATIVE
MARK NEWTON
(R-123)

Mark Newton is a doctor, small business owner, and Desert Storm veteran.

Born and raised in Macon, Georgia, Dr. Newton graduated from the University of Georgia and then earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia.

After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, including a deployment to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm, Dr. Newton returned to the Medical College of Georgia for residency training in Emergency Medicine and Trauma.

During his medical career, Dr. Newton served on numerous medical mission trips to South America, including the Amazon River area and mountain regions of Ecuador and Peru.

Newton currently serves as the Medical Director and Chairman of Emergency Medicine at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. He is the founder and CEO of MedNow Urgent Care Centers with locations throughout the Greater Augusta and Columbia County areas. He also recently completed his Masters of Healthcare Management at Harvard University.

For over 30 years, Dr. Newton has been married to his college sweetheart, Joni. They are active members of Warren Baptist Church and are the proud parents of four wonderful children.



REPRESENTATIVE
ROBERT TRAMMELL
(D-132)

Bob and his wife Jenny reside in Luthersville, Georgia with their daughters Mary (2 years old) and Virginia (2 months old).

Bob practices law at The Trammell Firm, a firm he founded in 2003, in Luthersville. His law office is in the house that belonged to his grandparents, where his Dad grew up.

Bob is a 1996 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia, majoring in English and Political Science. He obtained his law degree from The University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia in 1999. Before returning home to practice, he started his legal career as a law clerk in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. He subsequently practiced law at King & Spalding before starting his own firm in 2003. Bob served as county attorney for Meriwether County from 2011 through 2014.

Bob's wife Jenny is a pharmacist in LaGrange. Bob and Jenny belong to Central Baptist Church in Newnan.

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Georgians for a Healthy Future (GHF) is a nonprofit health policy and advocacy organization that provides a voice for Georgia consumers on vital and timely health care issues. Our mission is to build and mobilize a unified voice, vision and leadership to achieve a healthy future for all Georgians.

Georgians for a Healthy Future approaches our vision of ensuring access to quality, affordable health care for all Georgians in three major ways

- 1) outreach and public education,*
- 2) building, managing, and mobilizing coalitions, and*
- 3) public policy advocacy.*



GEORGIANS FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE'S 2018 POLICY PRIORITIES

1. Increase the number of Georgians with health insurance.
2. Guarantee access to quality health care services for Medicaid and PeachCare beneficiaries.
3. Ensure access to care and financial protections for consumers purchasing private health insurance.
4. Set and enforce standards that provide for equitable coverage of mental health and substance use treatment services by health plans.
5. Support partners in integrating health and equity in the policies across every sector to address social determinants of health that prevent equitable access to care and equitable health status.

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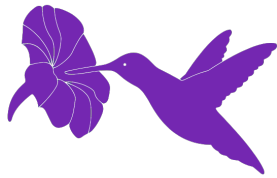
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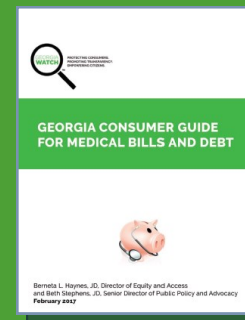


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