

Nov. 5 Sponsored Session (4236):

## “How will the ACA meet demands of vulnerable groups in California?”

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**Beginning in 2014, millions of low- and middle-income Californians will gain access** to coverage under the expansion of Medi-Cal and through premium and cost-sharing subsidies offered through the California Health Benefit Exchange. However, as many as four million Californians could remain uninsured or face access barriers.

**This panel examines populations that will be left out and highlights policy recommendations to increase enrollment numbers.** Panelists will provide a brief overview of reform implementation efforts, innovations and analysis and present recent data from the California Simulation of Insurance Markets (CaSIM), a micro-simulation model designed to predict uptake and disparities in health insurance coverage. This data predicts that almost three-quarters of the remaining uninsured in California will be U.S. citizens or legal immigrants and two-thirds of Californians remaining uninsured will be Latino even though Latinos make up only 45 percent of the non-elderly population. Panelists will also discuss child health, specifically the fate of an estimated 150,000 ineligible, non-citizen children and examine access issues, specifically on the nearly 250,000 Californians with limited English proficiency who could remain uninsured due to language barriers.

Policy recommendations from the studies include increasing multi-lingual outreach to raise awareness about the Medi-Cal expansion and the Exchange and ways to make subsidized coverage more affordable.

**Moderator:** Gerald Kominski, PhD

**Location:** BCEC, 159

**Date:** Tue., Nov. 5, 2013

**12:30 pm:** **Vulnerable populations in health care reform: Examples from California**

*Gerald Kominski, PhD, Ken Jacobs, BA, Shana A. Lavarreda, PhD, MPP and Daphna Gans, PhD*

**12:50 pm:** **Racial and ethnic disparities in coverage after the Affordable Care Act**

*Ken Jacobs, BA, Miranda Dietz, MPP, David Graham-Squire, Master's in Statistics, Nadereh Pourat, PhD and Dylan Roby, PhD*

**1:10 pm:** **Uninsured children in immigrant families: Left behind by health care reform?**

*Shana A. Lavarreda, PhD, MPP, Sophie Snyder, Ninez Ponce, MPP, PhD and Gerald Kominski, PhD*

**1:30 pm:** **Using microsimulation model to predict language barriers and access to health care under the Affordable Care Act**

*Daphna Gans, PhD, Greg Watson, MS, Miranda Dietz, MPP, Dylan Roby, PhD, Gerald Kominski, PhD and Ken Jacobs, BA*

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