

## PRESENTERS

# Serving Medicaid Beneficiaries Who Need Long-Term Services and Supports: Better Outcomes at Lower Costs

## MODERATOR



**Carey Appold**, Mathematica

Carey Appold is a senior researcher at Mathematica. She has more than 17 years of experience working with health care and disability programs and policies, including Medicaid, the Basic Health Program, and the Ticket to Work program. She came to Mathematica in 2014 from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), where she led the policy development, program design, implementation, and start-up for community-based long-term services and supports (LTSS) initiatives. Her work included developing regulations for eligibility, administration, and benefit design, and collaborating with states and stakeholders on design and implementation features. She holds an M.P.H. in health policy and management from Emory University.

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**Victoria Peebles**, Mathematica

Victoria Peebles is a health researcher with expertise in qualitative research methods and translating research findings to inform public policy and improve program performance. Her research focuses on Medicaid policy, LTSS for older adults and people with disabilities, and primary care transformation. In 2010, Peebles was part of a team that developed the home and community-based services (HCBS) taxonomy to create a common language to describe and categorize community-based LTSS, enabling researchers to analyze HCBS use at the person level. She holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.



**Carol Irvin**, Mathematica

Carol Irvin is a senior fellow at Mathematica. Her career has focused on using data to assess policies and programs related to health care access, particularly for vulnerable populations. She has extensive experience evaluating programs that extend coverage or transform health care services for people of all ages and with a wide range of chronic conditions and disabilities. Her program evaluation work includes leading Mathematica's national evaluation of the Money Follows the Person demonstration, and directing the evaluation of Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration programs. She holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



**Patti Killingsworth**, TennCare

Patti Killingsworth is an assistant commissioner for TennCare and chief of long-term services and supports. She has worked in Medicaid programs for over two decades, leading system redesign initiatives in multiple states. In Tennessee, this includes a managed LTSS program (MLTSS) in 2010 that has significantly expanded access to home and community based services (HCBS), rapidly moving toward a rebalanced system; and in 2016, a MLTSS model program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, aligning incentives to help individuals achieve employment and integrated community living. Her commitment is to changing systems to better meet the needs of individuals and family members, promoting the development and expansion of HCBS, and ensuring that the voice and perspective of people who need LTSS, their family members, and other key stakeholders is brought to bear in policy and program decision-making processes.

## DISCUSSANT

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**Debra Lipson**, Mathematica

Debra Lipson is a Senior Fellow at Mathematica. She has more than 30 years of experience as a health policy researcher and analyst. Her research focuses on Medicaid and state health policy, managed care for vulnerable populations, and long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older adults and people with disabilities. She has expertise in qualitative research methods and comparative policy analysis. Before coming to Mathematica, Lipson held senior positions at several research institutes, including the Institute for the Future of Aging Services (now LeadingAge Center for Applied research), the Alpha Center, and the Intergovernmental Health Policy Project at George Washington University. She holds a master's in health services administration and health policy from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

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