

# **Melinda Beeuwkes Buntin**

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Expert in health policy, particularly insurance and health care financing issues.

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## **Biography**

Melinda Buntin, is the chair of the Department of Health Policy at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. She previously served as Deputy Assistant Director for Health at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), where she was responsible for managing and directing studies of health care and health care financing issues in the Health, Retirement, and Long-term analysis Division. Prior to joining CBO, Buntin worked at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, where she established and directed the economic analysis, evaluation, and modeling group, while on leave from RAND. At RAND, Buntin served as deputy director of RAND Health's Economics, Financing, and Organization Program, director of Public Sector Initiatives for RAND Health, and co-director of the Bing Center for Health Economics. Her research at RAND focused on insurance benefit design, health insurance markets, provider payment, and the care use and needs of the elderly. She has an A.B. from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton and a Ph.D. in Health Policy with a concentration in economics from Harvard University.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

State and Local Health Policy, Payment Reform, Medicare, Health Economics, Health Care Spending, Medicaid, Insurance

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## **Affiliations**

National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Social Insurance, American Society of Health Economists, International Health Economics Association , Academy Health

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## **Education**

**Harvard University**

Ph.D. Health Policy

**Princeton University**

A.B. Public and International Affairs

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