

EBRI-ERF POLICY FORUM #79
Retirement and Health Policy Directions in 2017 and Beyond

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20 F Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20001
Thursday, December 15, 2016
Program: 8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Light breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and light lunch at 12:45 p.m.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Welcome

Harry Conaway, EBRI

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Retirement Security Projection Model – Reform Simulations

Presentation about EBRI’s Retirement Security Projection Model, with some possible and proof-of-concept simulations. EBRI’s capabilities around projecting the impact of certain policy and design changes will be crucial in the coming Washington discussions about US retirement policy.

[Jack VanDerhei](#), EBRI

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Roundtable Discussion - Retirement Policy Directions in 2017 and Beyond

A facilitated discussion among leading retirement policy experts on the likely and possible directions that US retirement policy will take in 2017 and beyond.

- [Shai Akabas](#), Bipartisan Policy Center
- [Randy DeFrehn](#), National Coordinating Committee of Multiemployer Plans
- Alane Dent, ACLI – See bio below
- [Josh Gotbaum](#), Brookings Institution
- [Brian Graff](#), American Retirement Association
- [Will Hansen](#), The ERISA Industry Committee
- [Randy Hardock](#), Davis & Harman

- [David John](#), AARP
- [Gene Steuerle](#), Urban Institute
- [Jack VanDerhei](#), EBRI

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion – Health Policy Directions in 2017 and Beyond

A facilitated discussion among leading health policy experts on the likely and possible directions that US health policy will take in 2017 and beyond.

- [Leah Binder](#), Leapfrog Group
- [Paul Fronstin](#), EBRI
- [James Gelfand](#), The ERISA Industry Committee
- [Bob Graboyes](#), Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- [Kris Haltmeyer](#), BCBSA
- [Randy Hardock](#), Davis & Harman
- [Katherine Hayes](#), Bipartisan Policy Center
- [Tom Miller](#), American Enterprise Institute
- [Carolyn Smith](#), Alston & Bird
- [Katy Spangler](#), American Benefits Council
- [Gene Steuerle](#), Urban Institute
- Jeanette Thornton, AHIP – See bio below

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Sum Up and Thank You

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Light Lunch

Alane R. Dent

As Vice President and Deputy, Federal Relations, American Council of Life Insurers, Mrs. Dent lobbies for the expansion of work-based retirement plans, increased retirement savings opportunities for individuals, and broader utilization of annuity products. At ACLI, Mrs. Dent worked to help to secure passage of the 2006 Pension Protection Act (PPA), which included two provisions championed by the industry: a provision to change the safest available annuity standard to ease the annuity selection process for employers and a provision which created the long-term care combination product. Mrs. Dent also successfully lobbied for the provision that would allow for the partial annuitization of nonqualified annuity contracts in the 2010 Small Business Lending Fund Act. Lastly, she ensured that life insurance companies had continued access to the Social Security Death Master File as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Mrs. Dent joined ACLI in 2004 as a Vice President.

Prior to joining ACLI, Mrs. Dent was Federal Affairs Director for the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC). Mrs. Dent has also served as Legislative Counsel for The Honorable Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), U.S. House of Representatives and Legislative Analyst for the Social Security Administration, where she was hired as a Presidential Management Fellow. She earned a B.A. in Political Science from Howard University and a J.D. from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

Jeanette Thornton

Senior Vice President, Health Plan Operations and Strategy
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Jeanette is the Senior Vice President, Health Plan Operations and Strategy at America's Health Insurance Plans. She leads AHIP's activities on health insurance marketplaces and serves as a lead liaison between the Federal government and private health insurers, with a focus on operations issues and the Federal Marketplace at Healthcare.gov. Other policy leadership roles include the Affordable Care Act, Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets and administrative simplification. Before joining AHIP, Jeanette worked as a senior analyst in the Information Technology and E-Government Office at the Office of Management and Budget. Jeanette began her career as a Presidential Management Fellow at the Social Security Administration.