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Foreword

The *Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences* Editorial Staff is proud to present our Summer 2019 Issue. This issue features articles deriving from our twelfth annual Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences Symposium: Serving the Needs of Medicaid Populations. The symposium brought together scholars and practitioners who analyzed access issues and health outcomes under the nation's largest health insurer, Medicaid. Each author published in this edition highlights a specific area of the panel topics presented at the symposium. On behalf of the entire *Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences* Editorial Staff, I would like to thank our authors for both presenting at the symposium and contributing their knowledge, research, and talent to this outstanding issue.

The symposium was organized into three separate panels, each tasked to discuss different perspectives of Medicaid in today's political and social environment. The first panel was *Medicaid Waivers*, which focused on trends in state use of demonstration waivers, the benefits and consequences of implementing waivers, and current litigation surrounding federal approval of waiver programs. The second panel was *Medicaid Reform: Financing and Budgeting*, which discussed efforts to maintain the financial stability of the growing Medicaid program and present innovative approaches to reforming the program's budget. The last panel was *Empirical Evidence on the Impact of Medicaid*, which offered a data-driven look at Medicaid's impact on specific population groups in different regions throughout the United States.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to my colleagues on the Executive Board: Kaleigh Ward, Kara Simon, Allyson Thompson, Chloe Cunningham, Emily Boyd, and Lianne Foley. Additionally, I would like to thank the outstanding efforts of our Senior Editors: Abigail Elmer, John Meyer, Jessica Sweeb, and Victoire Iradukunda. Finally, I would like to thank the amazing faculty at the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy for their continued support of our endeavors. The success of this issue would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

It is with great pride that I present the Summer 2019 issue of *Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences*.

Sincerely,

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