

# THE LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION GROUP

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A VOLUNTARY INDEPENDENT GROUP THAT MEETS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF EDUCATING THE POLICY COMMUNITY ON ALL FACETS OF LONG TERM CARE

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**Tuesday, July 16, 2013  
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

**RTI International  
701 13th Street, NW  
Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20005**

**Speaker: Josh Wiener, Distinguished Fellow and Program Director,  
Aging, Disability and Long-Term Care  
RTI International**

**Topic: Implications of Transitions to Medicaid  
for Long-Term Care Financing Reform**

**Josh Wiener** will discuss RTI's recent research analyzing transitions to Medicaid by the older population. This includes people who spend down to Medicaid, but is considerably broader. Analyzing the Health and Retirement Study merged with Medicare data, the RTI research team found that a significant number of older people spend down and that many of them do not use long term care services. Moreover, those who transition to Medicaid have much lower incomes and assets than those who do not transition. He will also discuss the implications for public and private financing of long-term care. The report can be found at: [http://www.thescanfoundation.org/sites/thescanfoundation.org/files/rti\\_medicaid-spend-down\\_3-20-13\\_1.pdf](http://www.thescanfoundation.org/sites/thescanfoundation.org/files/rti_medicaid-spend-down_3-20-13_1.pdf)

**Joshua M. Wiener**, PhD, is a distinguished fellow and program director for Aging, Disability and Long-Term Care at RTI International. He is the author or editor of eight books and over 100 articles on health care for older people, people with disabilities, long term services and supports, Medicaid, health reform, health care rationing, and maternal and child health. He is also co-director of the Administration on Aging-funded Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program National Resource Center. Prior to coming to RTI International, Wiener did policy analysis and research for the Urban Institute, the Brookings Institution, the Health Care Financing Administration, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Congressional Budget Office, the New York State Moreland Act Commission on Nursing Homes and Residential Facilities, and the New York City Department of Health.

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**Long Term Care Discussion Group Co-Chairs:**

**Winthrop Cashdollar, John Cutler, Hunter McKay (ex-officio), Karl Polzer, Jill Randolph, and Eileen J. Tell**

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