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Dr. Irene Fraser is a political scientist who has specialized in research on Medicaid, private health insurance, and health care delivery. She currently is Director of the Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets. Prior to her arrival at AHRQ, she was Associate Director of Health Systems Research, Inc., a health care policy, research and consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Fraser also spent eight years working on access and delivery issues at the American Hospital Association. As Senior Associate Director for Policy at the American Hospital Association, she served as the issue manager and senior policy person on indigent care, Medicaid and health care reform. As Director of Ambulatory Care at the AHA, she led a group which focused on the delivery side of health care reform -- managed care and integrated delivery, preventive care, home care, primary care, and other ambulatory care issues. She also served as adjunct faculty to the Institute for Health Law at Loyola School of Law.

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