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**KATHERINE BAICKER, Ph.D., NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE
2025 WILLIAM B. GRAHAM PRIZE FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH**

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 19, 2025 – Katherine Baicker, Ph.D., Provost of the University of Chicago and the Emmett Dedmon Professor at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, has been named the 2025 recipient of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research. The Baxter Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) will present the prize to Dr. Baicker on June 18, 2025, during AUPHA's 2025 Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

The Prize, which has been awarded since 1986, recognizes individuals who have significantly increased the quality of or access to health services delivery worldwide through the development of insights or innovation that have (a) eliminated barriers to the education and prevention of noncommunicable diseases; (b) highlighted the importance of proper nutrition in underserved communities; (c) removed barriers to accessing clean water; and/or (d) produced innovative health solutions and technologies that increase access to quality care. An independent committee of past winners, distinguished academics, and internationally recognized researchers selects the recipient each year.

"Kate Baicker is an amazing health economist and academic leader. Her work on the groundbreaking Oregon Medicaid Experiment has yielded numerous, nuanced insights about how health insurance protects vulnerable populations from financial distress and promotes health, while also showing the limitations of insurance as a standalone intervention," said Richard Hirth, Ph.D., University of Michigan, and Chair of the 2025 Graham Prize Selection Committee. "Her research has demonstrated what does work, but she is also unafraid to show us what doesn't work, even if we might not always want to hear that message. Some of Kate's recent work has argued for reframing the health

reform debate around the provision of a social floor of insurance coverage rather than incremental measures lacking a coherent objective. That work has the potential to show us the way to a more fundamental and effective restructuring of healthcare financing.”

"I'm truly honored to receive this award. Health insurance provides access to vital healthcare for Americans, and I've devoted my work to developing the evidence needed to design effective and affordable health insurance that supports broad access to high-quality, high-value healthcare," said Dr. Baicker. "Policy choices have important consequences for healthcare innovation and the affordability of that care for patients and taxpayers alike, often involving tradeoffs between different goals. Having reliable evidence to support effective decisions is crucial. The Foundation's recognition of work like this amplifies the impact that I and many other researchers can have. I'm deeply grateful to be this year's honoree and to be in the company of such illustrious prior recipients."

"The Baxter Foundation's focus on increasing access to healthcare is a driving force in our nearly 40-year partnership with AUPHA," said Dr. Verónica Arroyave, executive director of the Baxter Foundation and vice president of corporate responsibility and global philanthropy at Baxter. "We congratulate Dr. Katherine Baicker on this momentous recognition and thank her for the insights her work has delivered and the research she continues to advance."

Katherine Baicker, PhD, is the Provost of the University of Chicago and the Emmett Dedmon Professor at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy. She received her B.A. in economics from Yale and her Ph.D. in economics from Harvard.

Baicker is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, and a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Baicker's research focuses on the effectiveness of public and private health insurance and the effects of health system reforms. She is the Principal Investigator of multiple large-scale NIH-funded research programs and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Her research appears in leading academic journals across medicine, economics, and health policy.

About the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research

Since 1986, the Baxter Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration have awarded the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research to recognize researchers who have made major contributions to the health of the public through innovative research in health services. The Prize honors the late William B. Graham, longtime chairman and CEO of Baxter International Inc., and is internationally regarded as the premier recognition for individuals conducting health services research. The Prize includes an award of \$26,000 to the individual, \$26,000 to a non-profit institution that supports the winner's work, and \$26,000 to a non-profit organization in the city where AUPHA's Annual Meeting will be held. Past recipients have included David R. Williams, Ph.D., William Hsiao, Ph.D., Peter Pronovost, M.D., Elizabeth Bradley, Ph.D., David Blumenthal, M.D., and Uwe Reinhardt, Ph.D.

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