

Biography

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Dr. Sessions is a core team member of the Blue Sky Health Initiative at UCLA, whose purpose is to develop innovative, transformational approaches to reform of the health system. His current research interests include health care finance and administration, health care politics and mental health policy. His previous publications have appeared in the Virginia Law Review, the International Lawyer and the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law.