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Stuart Altman is the Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. He is an economist with nearly five decades of experience and is internationally recognized for his expertise in health policy.

Altman served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the Nixon Administration and was one of the architects of President Nixon's plan for universal health care. He was Chair of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (ProPAC) for twelve years under Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton. He served on President Clinton's transition team and as a member of the health policy team for President Obama's presidential campaign.

Altman was recently appointed by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick to chair the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, the agency charged with monitoring the reform of Massachusetts health care delivery and payment systems in order to reduce costs and improve quality. He serves as Chair of Brandeis' Health Industry Forum, is a member of the board of Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston, and is a member of the Institute of Medicine. Until recently, he served as Co-Chair (with Barbra Rabson from Massachusetts Health Quality Partners) of the Aligning Forces for Quality initiative in the Boston area.

Altman holds M.A. and Ph. D. degrees in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.