



## Agenda

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21224

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7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Registration**

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

**Welcome**

9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Keynote Address**

**Michael McGinnis, MD**

*Senior Scholar, Executive Director of the National Academy of Medicine's Leadership Consortium on Value & Science-Driven Health Care  
National Academy of Medicine*

Dr. McGinnis served as a member of the team responsible for authoring the landmark 1985 Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health also known as the Heckler Report, he will share his perspective on where we were then and where we are now.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Special Remarks**

**Patrick Conway, MD, MSc**

*Acting Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, CMS  
Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*

Dr. Conway is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Acting Principal Deputy Administrator and Deputy Administrator and is responsible for overseeing the programs that serve the over 100 million Americans that access health care services through Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and the Marketplace. Dr. Conway will discuss CMS's current efforts related to achieving health equity.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Special Remarks**

**Margaret Heckler**

*Former Ambassador to Ireland  
Former Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services*

Ms. Heckler is the former Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services from 1983-1985. Ms. Heckler will share her perspectives on the past,

present, and future of health equity.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Panel**

**New Frontiers in Health Disparities: Medicare & Medicaid in Post-Heckler World**

- **Marshall Chin, MD, MPH**  
*The Richard Parrillo Family Professorship in Healthcare Ethics  
Associate Chief and Director of Research, Section of General Internal  
Medicine Department of Medicine  
The University of Chicago Medicine*
- **Kellan Baker, MPH, MA**  
*Senior Fellow  
Center for American Progress*
- **Gloria Krahn, PhD, MPH**  
*Barbara Emily Knudson Endowed Chair in Family Policy Studies  
Director of External Relations  
College of Public Health and Human Service  
Oregon State University*

This panel of nationally recognized experts will discuss the future of health equity and the steps we must take now to ensure that all of us may achieve our optimal level of health regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability type.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Lunch** (on your own)

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**Presentation**

**Quality: The Equalizer**

- **Cara V. James, PhD**  
*Director, Office of Minority Health  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- **Jean Moody-Williams, RN MPP**  
*Deputy Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Minority Health will launch the *CMS Equity Plan for Improving Quality in Medicare*. This four year quality strategy aims to reduce disparities among Medicare beneficiaries. The presenters will also share how the strategy aligns with CMS' overall priorities.

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Panel**

**Taking Action: Next Steps to Reduce Disparities and Improve Quality**

- **Kimberleydawn Wisdom, MD, MS**  
*Senior Vice President Health & Equity & Chief Wellness Officer*

*Henry Ford Health System*

- **Bruce Siegel, MD, MPH**  
*President and CEO*  
*America's Essential Hospitals*
- **Lewis G. Sandy, MD, FACP**  
*Senior Vice President, Clinical Advancement*  
*UnitedHealth Group*

This panel of thought leaders will come together to discuss the current practices and policies in place to reduce health care disparities across the present-day delivery systems.

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Panel**

**The Regional Perspective: The Challenges and Opportunities in Health Disparities**

- **Nilsa Gutierrez, MD,**  
*Chief Medical Officer*  
*Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region II*
- **Darryl Means**  
*Deputy Regional Administrator*  
*Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region X*

This panel of experts serves the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and communities at the regional level. They will offer an 'on the ground' perspective of current work and what remains to be done. As a vital member of the team in achieving health equity, the regional members offer essential insight on the actions that need to be taken.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**