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Activity Description

This presentation will discuss examples of how researchers use Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data to examine plan switching, geographic variation in health care, and diffusion in the Medicare population.

Target Audience

This activity is designed for physicians and other health care professionals.

Learning Objective

By the end of this presentation, participants should be able to identify three examples of how researchers use Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data to examine plan switching, geographic variation in health care, and diffusion in the Medicare population.

Participation

Register for the webinar, participate in the webinar, and access and complete the assessment and evaluation.

Speaker Bios & Disclosures

The planners/developers of this activity have signed a disclosure statement indicating any relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

Amy Finkelstein, PhD, is the Ford Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Dr. Finkelstein is the Co-Scientific Director of J-PAL North America, a research center at MIT designed to encourage and facilitate randomized evaluations of important

domestic policy issues. She is also the Co-Director of the Public Economics Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Member of the Institute of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Fellow of the Econometric Society. She has received numerous awards and fellowships including the John Bates Clark Medal (2012), given annually to the economist under the age of 40 who is judged to have made the most significant contribution to economic thought and knowledge.

Other awards include the American Society of Health Economists' ASHEcon Medal (2014), awarded biennially to the economist age 40 or under who has made the most significant contributions to the field of health economics, a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (2009), the American Economic Association's Elaine Bennett Research Prize (2008) and a Sloan Research Fellowship (2007). Dr. Finkelstein has also received awards for graduate student teaching in 2012 and graduate student advising in 2010 at MIT. Prior to joining the MIT faculty in 2005, she was a Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows.

Dr. Finkelstein is one of the two Principal Investigators for the Oregon Health Insurance Experiment, a randomized evaluation of the impact of extending Medicaid coverage to low income, uninsured adults. More information about this study is available at <http://www.nber.org/oregon/>.

Dr. Finkelstein earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Philosophy degree in Economics at the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Marshall Scholar. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, summa cum laude, at Harvard University.

Dr. Finkelstein has nothing to disclose.

Daniel McFadden, PhD, is the E. Morris Cox Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. He has also served as the Presidential Professor of Health Policy and Economics at the University of Southern California since 2009. Dr. McFadden previously served as the James R. Killian Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). During his career, Dr. McFadden received fellowships and honors in recognition of his work. The American Economic Association awarded him the John Bates Clark Medal, which is given annually to the economist under 40 years old who has made the most significant contribution to the field of economics in 1975.

Dr. McFadden was awarded the Erwin Nemmers Prize in Economics, which Northwestern University awards every two years to a single recipient for “outstanding achievement in the field of economics as demonstrated by major contributions to new knowledge or the development of significant new modes of analysis” in 2000. He was also awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for showing “how to statistically handle fundamental aspects of microdata, namely data on the most important decisions people make in life: the choice of education, occupation, place of residence, marital status, number of children, so called discrete choices” in 2000.

Dr. McFadden has published nine books and monographs and well over 200 articles on economics and econometrics during his career. He served as President of the Econometric Society in 1985, and as President of the American Economic Association in 2005. He is a Member and former Chair of the Economic Sciences section of the National Academy of Sciences, and

has also been elected as a Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the American Philosophical Society.

Dr. McFadden earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Behavioral Science, with Specialization in Economics, at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. McFadden has nothing to disclose.

James Poterba, PhD, is the President of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a non-profit research organization with more than 1400 affiliated economists. He has served as President of the National Tax Association, Vice President of the American Economic Association, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. He is also a Mitsui Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has been a faculty member since 1983. Dr. Poterba has carried out research on a range of tax policy issues, including the analysis of tax incentives for health insurance purchase. At NBER, he helped to oversee research in health economics and economic demography.

Dr. Poterba earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics at Oxford University.

Dr. Poterba has disclosed that he is a Consultant for Investment Company Institute, Dimensional Fund Advisers, and Vulcan Corporation. He also disclosed he is a Trustee for the College Retirement Equity Fund and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Jonathan Skinner, PhD, is the James O. Freedman Presidential Professor in Economics at Dartmouth College and a Professor at the Geisel School of Medicine's Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. A member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the IOM), he served as the Associate Editor of the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, and a former Editor of the Journal of Human Resources. He is the Director of the Aging Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Dr. Skinner has had two decades of experience working with Medicare claims data, both as part of the Dartmouth Atlas Research Group and as the Project Lead of a National Institute on Aging (NIA) Program Project Grant (P01). This research has resulted in dozens of articles published in research journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), and the Annals of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Skinner earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dr. Skinner has disclosed that he is a stock shareholder of Dorsata, Inc.

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