

The 2010 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting

CMS Presenters - *Click on presenter's name for powerpoint slides.*

Sunday, June 27

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Medicare Spending Growth
Room 310

Chair: **Jeffrey Stensland**, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

Panelists:

Arkadipta Ghosh, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
Medicare and Medicaid Spending on Dual Eligible Beneficiaries: Exploring Policy Options

Gretchen Jacobson, Kaiser Family Foundation
Understanding the Variation in Medicare Spending for Multiple Chronic Conditions

Hongdao Meng, Stony Brook University
Impact of a Disease Management-Health Promotion Intervention on Total Health Care Expenditures

David Nyweide, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Is Higher Continuity Associated with Lower Risk of Preventable Hospitalization?

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CMS Research Update
Room 306

Chair: **Thomas Reilly**, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Panelists:

David Bott, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Myles Maxfield, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Research Update: This session will provide an overview of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) research agenda for the coming year. It will provide an overview of key research themes and planned projects. It will discuss factors shaping the agenda, including the outlook for the CMS research budget. It will have a special focus on important Medicare and Medicaid data bases that are available through the Office of Research, Development, and Information and how researchers can access these data. It will also include special topic presentations by Mathematica Policy Research on findings from several recent CMS-sponsored investigations on potential design features of accountable care organizations, ways to reliably measure the performance of accountable providers and empirical challenges in developing accurate risk-adjustment models for such measures, and empirical examination

of the role of different service components in per episode and per capita cost variation across physicians and health conditions.

4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Coverage Expansion During a Time of Fiscal Crisis: How Are States Responding?

Room 311

Chair: Lynn Blewett, University of Minnesota, School of Public Health

Panelists:

Thomas Grannemann, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Carol Irvin, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Sharon Long, Urban Institute

Elizabeth Lukanen, SHADAC University of Minnesota

Alan Weil, National Academy for State Health Policy

Roundtable: This session will provide an overview of state coverage expansions at a time of fiscal constraint. Panelists will examine the use of Medicaid waivers for coverage expansions; provide an update on coverage expansions from a relatively resource-rich state, Massachusetts; and review the expansion activities in a less-resourced state, West Virginia. Information will also be provided on the state expansion activities funded under the new HRSA State Health Access Program - focusing on the implementation and evaluation of public-private partnerships. A leading expert in state health policy will provide comments on the future role of the states in developing and implementing access and coverage.

Monday, June 28

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Medicare Part D 2006-2009 and Beyond: New Data, Methods, and Results

Room 306

Chair: Aman Bhandari, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Panelists:

Jalpa Doshi, University of Pennsylvania

Melvin Ingber, RTI International

Christopher Powers, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

William Shrank, Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School

Special Session: The implementation of the Medicare prescription drug benefit in 2006 represented one of the largest changes to Medicare since 1965. Research on Medicare Part D is expanding as new databases become available to researchers including prescription drug event (PDE) data and the Chronic Condition Warehouse. The panel will introduce new features of the Part D (PDE) data, methods and to demonstrate some of the latest research in this area. Innovative uses of the data will be highlighted. The panel will conclude with details on the gaps in the evidence base and potential policy implications for the Part D program. The panelists have had access to a variety of data sources, offering new evidence and the most complete picture of the Part D landscape to our knowledge.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Vulnerable Populations in Medicare

Chair: **Stuart Guterman**, The Commonwealth Fund

Panelists:

David Grabowski, Harvard Medical School

"Medicare Prospective Payment and the Volume and Intensity of Skilled Nursing Facility Services"

Judith Sangl, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and Ann Meadow, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

"Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations among Medicare Home Health and Skilled Nursing Patients"

Bruce Stuart, University of Maryland at Baltimore

"Drug Utilization Patterns for Diabetics Enrolled in Part D Plans: Does the Low Income Subsidy Matter?"

Lok Wong, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

"Comparing Post-Acute Care Outcomes in Elderly Trauma Patients"

4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

CMS Databases

Room 302

Chair: **Samuel "Chris" Haffer**, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Panelists:

Kazi Ahmed, National Committee for Quality Assurance

Edith Walsh, RTI International

Research Resources: CMS maintains a number of databases that can be very useful in health services research. The aim of this session is to review briefly the different types of data that are available and to focus on the utility of using these data sets to answer timely and significant questions in health services

research. Expert research practitioners will describe their experiences using Medicare Advantage beneficiary survey data from the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey linked with Medicare Prescription Drug Event (Part D) data, as well as a project merging Medicare Fee-for-Service claims and assessment data from the Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse with Medicaid eligibility, service utilization, and payments data from the Medicaid Analytic Extract, patient assessment data from the Nursing Home Minimum Data Set, and facility information from the Online Survey Certification and Reporting System. Additionally there will be an overview of the Comparative Effectiveness Research Public Use File Project currently underway at CMS.