

Report on Conferences Sponsored by CMS for Fiscal Year 2016

Center for Program Integrity (CPI)

Medicaid Integrity Institute Training Courses

Dates: 10/01/2015 - 09/30/2016

Venue, City, State or Country: National Advocacy Center, DOJ, Columbia, SC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The Medicaid Integrity Institute (MII) offers a comprehensive program of study addressing aspects of Medicaid program integrity to include: fraud investigation, data mining and analysis, managed care oversight, provider screening and enrollment, and case development. To accomplish the requirements of section 1936 of the Act, CMS executed an interagency agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Legal Education (OLE) to house the MII at the National Advocacy Center, a federally-owned training center located in Columbia, SC. The programs offered by the Office of Legal Education at the National Advocacy Center are large events that provide training and information sharing in accordance with OMB guidance. The totals shown reflect all training events that were held in FY 2016. Average cost per event is \$180,098.

Total Estimated Cost: \$3,472,055

Total Attendees: 1380

Total Feds on Travel: 80

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 1300

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

Learning and Action Network (LAN) Summit

Dates: 10/4/15-10/5/15 and 4/25/16-4/26/16

Venue, City, State or Country: Sheraton Tysons Hotel, Tysons, VA

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The Learning and Action Network (LAN) summit advanced and accelerated the adoption of new alternative payment models. The LAN Summit provided a platform for collaboration among payers/purchasers, including CMS staff, providers, consumers, and other stakeholders to set goals, monitor progress, and determine actions that would increase participation in alternative payment models that lower cost and achieve better outcomes.

Total Estimated Cost: \$816,444

Total Attendees: 2300

Total Feds on Travel: 15

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 40

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

High Cost Drug Summit

Dates: 11/13/2015

Venue, City, State or Country: Cohen Auditorium, Washington D.C

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: Due to the recent abundance of high cost drugs that are currently available on the market, states have approached CMS with financial concerns for paying for the coverage of these drugs on limited budgets. In response to these concerns, CMS convened a high cost drug summit that included CMS programs other government/state programs, manufacturers and private payers to elevate the important issues of high cost drugs to a national discussion and to develop a strategy to ensure that government payers are offered a fair price for pharmaceuticals while maintaining access to care. This summit represents a high priority of CMS' Administrator due to the critical need to address the budgetary and coverage requirements.

Total Estimated Cost: \$153,000

Total Attendees: 150

Total Feds on Travel: 25

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 0

Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)

2015 Quality Conference: "Building Partners Delivering Results"

Dates: 12/01/2015 - 12/03/2015

Venue, City, State or Country: Baltimore Waterfront Marriott, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This conference represents the deepest and widest gathering of health care quality leaders assembled by the Federal government. With a high emphasis on learning and spreading of effective ideas for improving health care quality for Medicare, and now Medicaid through this joint sponsorship with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMCS), the conference brings together high-level policy makers, providers, contractors and grantees, passionate about quality of care, enabling a forum to share and spread improvement techniques to reduce harm and improve delivery of care methods.

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,587,644

Total Attendees: 1,300

Total Feds on Travel: 270

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 500

Center for Medicare (CM)

CMS Security Control Oversight and Update Training (CSCOUT)

Dates: 02/02/2016 - 02/04/2016 and 08/02/16 - 08/04/2016

Venue, City, State or Country: Addison Marriott, Dallas, TX and Sheraton Hotel, Towson, MD.

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: CMS is responsible for processing billions of Medicare claims that contain personal information for millions of Medicare beneficiaries. Protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA) of the information is critical to the success of the program. The attendees all have the responsibility to implement, operate, and evaluate the controls that ensure CIA of the information. Attendance at these events is critical in meeting the agency's mission and the Department's system security and privacy initiatives. The meeting also affords the opportunity for additional sessions between CMS and contractors to facilitate the efficient and effective oversight and closure of corrective action plans submitted as a result of audit review findings. Average cost per event is \$198,909.

Total Estimated Cost: \$397,879

Total Attendees: 420

Total Feds on Travel: 50

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 243

Center for Medicare and (CPC) Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative Faculty Meeting and Annual Conference

Dates: 05/03/2016 - 05/04/2016

Venue, City, State or Country: Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The purpose of the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Initiative Faculty Meeting was to engage in program planning for the 2016-2017 contract year with the entities ("faculty") that provide support to CPC program participants in the 7 CPC

regions. Travel on the part of the faculty is funded under CPC's contract with TMF Health Quality Institute.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative Annual Conference was held on the second day for program participants and faculty from all 7 regions to communicate with each other and with CMS on the progress of the initiative and strategy for the remainder of the initiative. Non-contractor participants travel to this conference at their own expense.

Total Estimated Cost: \$520,963

Total Attendees: 575

Total Feds on Travel: 7

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 0

Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)

Post-Acute Care (PAC) Training Contract

Dates: 06/22/2016; 08/09/2016; 08/11/2016; and 08/24/2016

Venue, City, State or Country: Omni Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, GA; Chicago O'Hare Marriott, Chicago, IL; and Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg, IL

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: These events provided training and information to providers, stakeholders, and other interested parties for Post-Acute Care (PAC) programs, which is required by statute. The Social Security Act requires Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) and Hospices to submit quality data to the Secretary. Failure to report quality data will result in a two percentage point reduction to these providers. These events provided the training and information to ensure the patient assessment data reported is comprehensive, accurate, and standardized. Average cost per event is \$644,817.

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,579,266

Total Attendees: 2,622

Total Feds on Travel: 35

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 147