

Report on Conferences Sponsored by CMS for Fiscal Year 2017

Center for Program Integrity (CPI)

Medicaid Integrity Institute Training Courses

Dates: 10/01/2016 - 09/30/2017

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 23 training events that were held in FY 2017. Total cost of 23 events is \$4,142,250.

Total Estimated Cost: \$180,098 (avg. per event)

Total Attendees: 60 (avg. per event)

Total Feds on Travel: 3-4 (avg. per event)

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 57 (avg. per event)

Medical Review Operational Meeting

Dates: 10/25/2016 – 10/27/2016

Venue, City, State or Country: CMS Central Office Grand Auditorium, Baltimore, Maryland

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This annual meeting assists in the protection of the Medicare Trust Funds through education, discussion and facilitation with CMS staff, the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), Recovery Auditors, the Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPICs) and other review entities in attendance. This meeting aligns with Government Accountability Office's (GAO) GAO-13-102 November 2012 report "Medicare Program Integrity Greater Prepayment Control Efforts Could Increase Savings and Better Ensure Proper Payment."

Total Estimated Cost: \$181,814

Total Attendees: 238

Total Feds on Travel: 4

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 158

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

Learning and Action Network (LAN) Summit & Virtual Forum

Dates: 10/25/2016 and 05/01/2017

Venue, City, State or Country: Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel and the Newseum, Washington, DC

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. The event is held as one in-person event and one virtual forum. Total cost of two events is \$461,555.

Total Estimated Cost: \$230,778 (avg. per event)

Total Attendees: 1200 (avg. per event)

Total Feds on Travel: 26 (avg. per event)

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 42 (avg. per event)

Center for Medicare (CM)

CMS Security Control Oversight and Update Training (CSCOUT)

Dates: 02/07/2017 - 02/09/2017 and 8/08/2017 - 08/10/2017

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. Total cost of two events is \$379,328.

Total Estimated Cost: \$189,664 (avg. per event)

Total Attendees: 210 (avg. per event)

Total Feds on Travel: 25 (avg. per event)

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 122 (avg. per event)

Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)

2016 Quality Conference: "Aligning for Innovation and Outcomes"

Dates: 12/13/2016 - 12/15/2016

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 the 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: \$1,660,399

Total Attendees: 2,000

Total Feds on Travel: 330

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 775

Post-Acute Care (PAC) Training Contract

Dates: 11/16/2016-11/17/2016; 01/18/2017; and 05/03/2017-05/04/2017

Venue, City, State or Country: InterContinental Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas; Hilton Baltimore and Radisson Hotel Baltimore Downtown-Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland and Kansas City, Missouri

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. Total cost for three events is \$473,200

Total Estimated Cost: \$157,734 (avg. per event)

Total Attendees: 353 (avg. per event)

Total Feds on Travel: 6-7 (avg. per event)

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 13-14 (avg. per event)