

The 2016 Election: How Will It Affect the US Health Care Industry?

February 27, 2017

Four Seasons Hotel 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007 The George Washington Room

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy, Brandeis University

8:45 a.m. The Political and Policy Landscape – Where are We Going?

Panelists: Len Nichols Ph.D, Professor, George Mason University

Joseph Antos Ph.D, Wilson Taylor Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

9:15 a.m. Potential Elements of a Republican Obamacare Replacement

Republicans have proposed a variety of policies as possible elements of an Obamacare replacement package including: refundable tax credits to support individual purchase of insurance, high risk pools, expanded use of health savings accounts and allowing interstate insurance sales. This session will discuss those policies and their potential impact on coverage, access, affordability and health spending. It will also discuss approaches for stabilizing health insurance marketplaces.

Presenter: Steve Parente Ph.D. Professor, University of Minnesota

Discussant: Sabrina Corlette JD, Research Professor, Center on Health Insurance Reforms,

Georgetown University

10.15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Implications and Outlook for Insurance Markets

Insurers face substantial uncertainty about the market conditions that will result from repeal and replacement of Obamacare. Key issues include whether medical underwriting restrictions will continue without an individual mandate, and whether policies to stabilize marketplaces will be effective. This session will discuss health plan policy priorities.

Panelists: Greg Gierer, Vice President, Policy, AHIP

Jim Ricciuti, Vice President, Public Affairs and Public Policy, Aetna

11:30 p.m. Implications for Delivery Systems and Value-Based Care

The nation's hospitals and health systems agreed to the ACA's Medicare payment cuts with the understanding that expanded coverage would substantially reduce their uncompensated care. Health systems have also invested billions to prepare for new value-based payment initiatives. This session will discuss health care provider options for maintaining financial stability under an ACA replacement and their outlook for future growth in population health and value-based care.

Panelists: Chip Kahn, CEO, Federation of American Health Systems
Barbara Walters MD, Executive Vice President, Trinity Health
Shawn Martin, Senior VP, American Academy of Family Physicians

12:30 p.m. Lunch Served

1:00 p.m. Implications and Outlook for Pharmaceutical and Device Firms

Repeal and replacement of the ACA contains potential benefits and threats for drug and device firms. Republicans have emphasized reducing taxes and streamlining regulations but changes in benefits and coverage may reduce volume of some care. Both parties have called for solutions to address pharmaceutical spending growth. This session will discuss the outlook for new policies affecting drug and device firms.

Panelists: Liz Fowler Ph.D, VP, Global Health Policy, Johnson & Johnson Parashar Patel, VP Global Health Policy, Boston Scientific

2:00 p.m. Meeting adjourns