



## **The Evolution of Accountable Care Under Medicare**

**June 3, 2014**

**Ritz-Carlton, Georgetown, 3100 South Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007, 202-912- 4100**

### **7:45 a.m. Breakfast**

### **8:15 a.m. Federal Policy for Encouraging Delivery Reform: Opportunities & Challenges**

Government has substantial clout but many constrains in how it can design programs. This session provides a perspective on the many considerations that have influenced the initial design of the Medicare ACO program.

Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Professor of National Health Policy, Brandeis University  
Robert Mechanic, Senior Fellow, Brandeis University

### **8:30 a.m. Medicare ACOs: What Have We Learned and Where Are We Going?**

This session will provide a perspective on what CMS have learned in the first two years of the Pioneer ACO and Medicare Shared Savings Program and what it has heard from program participants.

Sean Cavanaugh, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

### **9:15 a.m. Medicare ACO Perspective: How Far Have We Come; How Far Do We Need to Go?**

Medicare's ACO programs have attracted a diverse range of participants. In this session, health care organizations discuss why they joined the program, their accomplishments to date, and their outlook for the future. They will also provide perspectives on changes to program rules that could improve the sustainability of the Medicare ACO program

Emily Brower, Executive Director, Pioneer ACO, Atrius Health  
Barbara Walters, DO, MBA, Executive Medical Director, Dartmouth Hitchcock  
Jeff Spight, Senior VP, ACO Market Operations, Universal American

### **10:45 a.m. Break**

### **11:00 a.m. Key Policy Issues in the Evolution of Medicare ACO Programs**

As we approach the three-year anniversary of the Medicare ACO initiatives CMS is now considering refinements to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the program. This session will review key areas where policy changes may be needed including beneficiary attribution, design of financial benchmarks, risk adjustment and ACO participant support.

Clif Gaus, President, National Association of ACOs  
Danielle Lloyd, Vice President, Policy Development & Analysis, Premier Inc  
Michael McWilliams, Associate Professor, Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School  
Chris Dawe, Former Health Policy Advisor to the National Economic Council, The White House  
Hoangmai Pham, MD, Director, Seamless Care Models Groups, CMMI/CMS

**12:30 p.m. Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. Beyond Medicare: Local Market Facilitators and Barriers for Accountable Care**

The long-term success of accountable care will require greater alignment between Medicare, private payers and state health care programs. One of the greatest challenges for health care organizations is navigating a transition from fee-for-service to value-based payment. This session will provide a perspective on how private markets are changing to support accountable care and what actions may be necessary to accelerate this transition.

Gary Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, Accountable Care Solutions, Aetna  
Edward Cymerys, former Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary, Blue Shield of California

**2:15 p.m. Meeting adjourns**