



The Future of Medicare Advantage

March 31, 2017

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

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

8:45 a.m. The Evolution of Medicare Advantage and Current Policy Issues

This session will review the history, performance and current policy issues in Medicare advantage including the method for setting county-level MA benchmarks, the star-rating program and risk adjustment.

Speaker: Mark Miller, Ph.D, Executive Director, MedPAC

9:30 a.m. Implementing Policy Changes in Medicare Advantage

This session will discuss the policymaking process inside CMS and the interplay of forces that have shaped recent policy change.

Speaker: Sean Cavanaugh, Former Deputy Administrator, CMS

10:00 a.m. Medicare Advantage in Practice: Network Development, Payment Models and Provider Partnerships

This session will look at initiatives to establish high performing provider networks, implement alternative payment models and engage contracted physician practices in care redesign.

Speaker: Craig Samitt MD, EVP and Chief Clinical Officer, Anthem

11:00 a.m. Medicare Advantage in Practice: Adapting Benefit Design to Improve Care

Medicare Advantage plans frequently offer enhanced benefits and can use benefit design to encourage members to use preferred providers. Recently CMMI began a value-based benefit design initiative with MA plans to encourage use of high value services. This session will explore strategies for improving care through enhanced benefit design.

Speaker: Robert Mirsky, MD, CMO Medicare Plans, Aetna

11:45 a.m. Medicare Advantage in Practice: Enhanced Care Models for High Need Patients

MA plans have flexibility to provide enhanced services for complex and high need patients that are not reimbursed in traditional Medicare. This session will examine approaches to enhancing care coordination and support for patients with complex needs.

Speaker: Becky Dube, VP for Clinical Programs, Martin's Point Health Care

12:30 p.m. Lunch Served**12:45 p.m. The Future of Medicare Advantage**

The new Administration and Congress generally supports expanded use of private plans under Medicare. This session will examine potential future changes in the relationship between Medicare Advantage and traditional Medicare; methods for determining payments to health plans, covered benefits, MA program regulations and the potential impacts of such changes on health plans, beneficiaries and federal spending.

Speakers: Michael Chernew Ph.D, Professor, Harvard Medical School
Tricia Neuman, ScD, Senior Vice President, Kaiser Family Foundation

2:00 p.m. Meeting adjourns