



THE 19TH PRINCETON CONFERENCE
STATES' ROLE IN HEALTH CARE:
OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING ACCESS, QUALITY AND LOWERING THE
COST OF CARE

MAY 22-24, 2012

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL – EDWARDS AND UNIVERSITY BALLROOM
FIRST FLOOR

6:00 P.M. COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

SESSION I: THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF STATES

States are facing huge economic challenges. What are they and how are they coping? How large are the deficit they facing and what are they doing to pay the bills? What are the ramifications of some of these decisions and how can states address their long-term fiscal health? What will it be like for states if Accountable Care Act (ACA) is repealed or implemented? What about the 20+ million people who will not benefit from ACA?

7:00 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION

Stuart Altman, Ph.D.
Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Alan Weil, J.D.
Executive Director
National Academy for State Health Policy

7:30 P.M. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

8:00 P.M. DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, AUDITORIUM

Route 1 and College Road East, P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543

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7:45 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M. WELCOME

Stuart Altman, Ph.D.

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SESSION II: MEDICAID: CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

What are the Medicaid economic pressures? What are the pros and cons of limiting eligibility and services? Can Medicaid really cover more lives? How will limitations affect the overall short and long term fiscal health of the states? What roles do the uninsured and underinsured have? How are safety net providers facing the decisions that states are making? What are the key barriers to ensure appropriate quality services for Medicaid beneficiaries?

8:45 A.M. Moderator:
Mary Ella Payne
Vice President, System Legislative Leadership
Ascension Health

8:50 A.M. Andrew Allison, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Medical Services
State of Arkansas

9:05 A.M. Stephen Fitton
Medicaid Director
State of Michigan

9:20 A.M. Kathleen Gifford, JD
Principal
Health Management Associates

9:35 A.M. Chad Westover
Vice President, State Sponsored Business
Wellpoint, Inc.

9:50 A.M. PANEL DISCUSSION

10:20 A.M. BREAK

SESSION III: MANAGING COSTS AND QUALITY OF CARE IN MASSACHUSETTS

With well over 95% of its population currently insured, how is Massachusetts addressing cost and quality? How are managed care and limited networks being used to bring cost under control and how do these models maintain appropriate access and quality? What role does quality and cost transparency have in successful health care reform?

10:30 A.M. Moderator:
Robert Mechanic
Executive Director
The Health Industry Forum

10:35 A.M. Deborah Devaux
Senior Vice President of Strategic Services
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

10:50 A.M. Thomas O'Brien, J.D.
Assistant Attorney General, Health Care Division
Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

11:05 A.M. Ellen Zane
CEO Emeritus & Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Tufts Medical Center

11:20 A.M. PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

SESSION IV: HIGH COST BENEFICIARIES: WHAT CAN STATES DO?

Who are the high cost beneficiaries and what acute and long-term care challenges do they present? How do issues in both acute and long-term care increase the cost and decrease the quality of health care for dual eligible patients? Care transitions and hospital-acquired conditions have been identified as adding significantly to the cost of care. What efforts have worked and what must occur to address the financial burden of those with complex health care needs?

1:00 P.M. Moderator:
Murray N. Ross, Ph.D.
Vice President
Kaiser Permanente

1:05 P.M. Cathy Schoen
Senior Vice President for Policy, Research, and Evaluation
The Commonwealth Fund

1:20 P.M. Melanie Bella
Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

1:35 P.M. Bruce Vladeck, Ph.D.
Senior Advisor
Nexera, Inc.

1:50 P.M. **PANEL DISCUSSION**

2:40 P.M. **BREAK**

SESSION V: STATES VARIED APPROACHES TO MANAGING COSTS

How are states managing costs in the current economic environment? What can be learned from Maryland's All Payer rate setting system? What lessons can states learn from Vermont and the move toward a single payer system? What kind of challenges are states facing in moving toward one of these policy agendas?

3:00 P.M. Moderator:
Robert Murray
President, Global Health Payment LLC
Former Executive Director, Maryland's Hospital All Payer Rate Setting System

3:05 P.M. Joseph Antos, Ph.D.
Wilson H. Taylor Scholar in Health Care and Retirement Policy
American Enterprise Institute

3:20 P.M. Anya Rader Wallack, Ph.D.
Chair
Green Mountain Care Board

3:35 P.M. Ann Monroe
President, Community Health Foundation of Western & Central New York
Member, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign Team

3:50 P.M. **PANEL DISCUSSION**

4:30 P.M. **AFTERNOON SESSION ENDS – BUS BACK TO DOUBLETREE HOTEL**

5:30 P.M. **Bus #1 leaves DoubleTree Hotel for Prospect House, Princeton University**

5:45 P.M. **Bus #2 leaves DoubleTree Hotel for Prospect House, Princeton University**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 – DINNER PROGRAM
PROSPECT HOUSE, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

6:00 P.M. COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

SESSION VI: A TWO TIERED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: ARE WE THERE YET?

If you were a Medicaid beneficiary who required a medically necessary transplant, stent, medication, etc. how would the clinical outcome vary depending on where you live? Have the current economic pressures set the stage for solidifying a two-tier system? What considerations must be explored to mitigate this trend?

7:00 P.M. Uwe Reinhardt, Ph.D.
James Madison Professor of Political Economy Professor of Economics and Public Affairs
Princeton University

7:30 P.M. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

8:00 P.M. DINNER

9:00 P.M. 1st BUS LEAVES PROSPECT HOUSE FOR DOUBLETREE HOTEL

9:30 P.M. 2nd BUS LEAVES PROSPECT HOUSE FOR DOUBLETREE HOTEL

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

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8:00 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

SESSION VII: HOW ARE STATES PROGRESSING IN SETTING UP STATE-BASED EXCHANGES?

Why are some states opting out? What role can state exchanges have in providing affordable care to the uninsured and under insured? How can this role integrate with Medicaid and private insurance? How can States address eligibility integration and churning? For states that cannot have an exchange running by 2014, what are their options?

8:45 A.M. Moderator:
Jay Himmelstein, M.D.
Director, New England States Collaborative for Insurance Exchange Systems
University of Massachusetts Medical School

9:00 A.M. Jon Kingsdale, Ph.D.
Managing Director
Wakely Consulting Group

9:15 A.M. Jennifer Kent
Principal
Health Management Associates

9:30 A.M. Stan Dorn, J.D.
Senior Fellow
Urban Institute

9:45 A.M. **PANEL DISCUSSION**

10:15 A.M. **BREAK**

SESSION VIII: STATES' BARRIERS TO INNOVATION

Which regulations present the most challenges and the likelihood that any of them will change? What impact do Medicaid waivers have on state level innovation? How can antitrust laws limited or protect the ability of states to devise solutions to address cost and quality? Many stakeholders would like to reengineer the health care workforce. What prevents redefining the division of labor in health care? What innovations do states want to implement?

10:30 A.M. Moderator:
Karen Wolk Feinstein, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Jewish Healthcare Foundation

10:35 A.M. Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

10:50 A.M. Dan Crippen, Ph.D.
Executive Director
National Governors Association

11:05 A.M. Ann Torregrossa, J.D.
Executive Director, Pennsylvania Health Funders Collaborative
Former Director of Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Health Care Reform

11:20 A.M. Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D.
President & CEO
Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement

11:35 A.M. **PANEL DISCUSSION**

12:15 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS

Stuart Altman, Ph.D.
Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

12:30 P.M. LUNCH – AVAILABLE TO GO

1:00 P.M. BUSES LEAVE