



Building Accountable Care Organizations

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8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:45 Introduction: The Case for Accountability

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

9:00 Essential Building Blocks for ACO Development

Building the capacity to manage patient populations within defined budgets and to produce excellent outcomes will require significant changes for many healthcare organizations. This session will outline necessary elements for success, including provider infrastructure and skills, payment systems, benefit design, and community support. It will also examine how variations in market structure may affect ACO development.

Presenter: Harold Miller, President and CEO, Network for Regional HealthCare Improvement

10:00 How Will ACOs Evolve?

This session will examine a range of possible ACO organizational models including: 1) integrated health systems; 2) community hospital-IPA partnerships; and 3) virtually integrated models organized around physician IPAs. Provider representatives will discuss strategies for building successful ACO and key challenges.

Presenters: Patricia Briggs, CEO Northwest Physicians Network, Tacoma, WA
Barbara Spivak, M.D., President Mount Auburn Hospital Cambridge IPA, Cambridge, MA
Kathryn Burke, Vice President of Contracting & Business Development, Mount Auburn Hospital Cambridge IPA, Cambridge, MA
Terry Carroll, Ph.D., Senior Vice President Fairview Health Services, Minneapolis, MN

12:00 Break

12:30 Lunch Panel: Federal and State Policy Considerations for Encouraging ACO Development

Federal and state health policy will significantly influence ACO development. Policymakers will need to consider numerous practical issues regarding: 1) payment policy (will ACOs be paid differently?), 2) oversight (what is required to qualify as an ACO?), 3) risk management (reserve requirements and conditions for risk contracting), 4) consumer protection (ensuring adequate consumer choice and information), and 5) market competition (impact of ACO formation on market concentration).

Moderator: Murray Ross, Ph.D., Vice President and Director, Kaiser Institute for Health Policy
Panel: Carol Backstrom, Asst to the Commissioner for Health Reform, Minnesota Dept of Health
Anthony Rodgers, Deputy Administrator, Center for Strategic Planning, CMS
Steve Tringale, Managing Partner, Hinckley, Allen & Tringale, Boston, MA
Jay Want, M.D., President & CEO Physician Health Partners, Denver, CO

2:00 Meeting adjourns