

Improving Health Care for Older Americans: Achieving Better Chronic Care at Lower Costs

Thursday, January 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington DC

Older Americans face unique health care challenges—many not supported in Medicare’s current payment systems—that tend to promote fragmented, high-volume, and high-intensity care and can undermine care quality. Health reform legislation now moving in Congress includes a range of new payment and delivery system reforms designed to improve overall care for patients with complex health needs and chronic conditions.

On January 28, the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at Brookings will host a forum to discuss strategies for improving care for older Americans across a range of institutional and community-based settings. Experts and key stakeholders will examine the components of health care reform most likely to influence the care this population receives, and will discuss promising models for payment and delivery-system reforms designed to improve quality and efficiency, as well as to better coordinate services across the continuum of care. Participants will also outline specific, practical strategies that policymakers and government agencies can consider when transitioning from legislative action to implementation so older Americans benefit directly from innovations in care delivery. After each panel, participants will take audience questions.

Following the forum from 3:15 to 4:30 pm, an informal information session introducing the new Long-Term Quality Alliance (LTQA) will take place. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the forum, learn about how to participate in the LTQA, and interact with board members.

9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Mark McClellan
Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform,
The Brookings Institution

Bruce Chernof
The SCAN Foundation

Christopher Langston
The Hartford Foundation

9:30 a.m. Panel I: Perspectives on Health Care Reform and Older Adults

Moderator: Mark McClellan
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The Brookings Institution

Carol Raphael
Visiting Nurse Service of New York

Steven Dawson
Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI)

Chad Boulton
Johns Hopkins Medicine

Kathy Greenlee
U.S. Administration on Aging, HHS

10:45 a.m. Panel II: Performance Measurement for Older Adults

Moderator: James Tallon
United Hospital Fund of New York

Diane Meier
Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute,
Mount Sinai

Julie Bynum
Dartmouth Medical School

Greg Pawlson
National Committee for Quality
Assurance

**12:20
p.m.**

Luncheon Panel: New Opportunities in Improving Care for Older Adults

Mark McClellan
Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, The
Brookings Institution

Mary Naylor
University of Pennsylvania

Richard Frank
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and
Evaluation, HHS

Carolyn Clancy
Agency for Healthcare Research
and Quality

Katie Maslow
Alzheimer's Association

1:25 p.m. ***Panel III: Putting It All Together: Integrating Payment Reforms, Performance Measurement, and Delivery Models that Work***

Moderator: Stuart Altman
Brandeis University

David Dorr
Oregon Health and Science University

June Simmons
Partners in Care Foundation

David Martin
UnitedHealthcare Medicare Solutions

David Reuben
UCLA Health Systems

2:40 p.m. ***Concluding Remarks and Next Steps***

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3:15 p.m. ***Long-Term Quality Alliance Information Session***

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