AGENDA

Dissemination Meeting on the Report Series
Accounting for Social Risk Factors in Medicare Payment

June 13, 2017
Room 125
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Goals of the Workshop

• Engage a broad set of stakeholders in a neutral setting to provide input to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
• Discuss the implications for providers of addressing social risk factors in Medicare payment programs
• Understand the strengths and limitations of data regarding social risk factors, as well as the methods for applying them to Medicare payment programs
• Hear about new research from the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) and others
• Provide input, including a research agenda, into ASPE Study B

9:00-9:10   Introductions and Meeting Overview

Donald Steinwachs, Ph.D., Chair, Committee on Accounting for Socioeconomic Status in Medicare Payment Programs; Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health
John M. O’Brien, Pharm.D., M.P.H., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services
Nancy De Lew, M.P.A., M.A., Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services

9:10-9:35   Overview of Accounting for Social Risk in Medicare Payment Programs
Reports from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee

Melinda Buntin, Ph.D., committee member; Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Framework of social risk
- Data sources
- Approaches to accounting for social risk
- Best practices for caring for people with social risk factors

9:35-10:00  ASPE: IMPACT Act Study A Overview
Karen Joynt, M.D., M.P.H., *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*; *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation*
Rachael Zuckerman, Ph.D., M.P.H., *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation*

Study A Key Findings:
- Recommendations for addressing social risk
- Measure and report performance for socially at-risk groups
- Set high, fair standards for all beneficiaries
- Reward and support achievement

10:00-11:00  PANEL 1: Measuring and Reporting Social Risk Factors
Key questions: Which social risk factors are most important to capture, and what are the current barriers to measuring them, for the purposes of Medicare payment policy? Why?

Moderator: Mark Hayward, Ph.D., *committee member; University of Texas, Austin*

Discussants:
- Lisa Iezzoni, M.D., M.Sc., *Harvard Medical School; Mongan Institute Health Policy Center, Massachusetts General Hospital*
- David Nerenz, Ph.D., *Henry Ford Health System*
- Beth Feldpush, Dr.P.H., *America’s Essential Hospitals*
- Christie Teigland, Ph.D., *Avalere Health (an Inovalon company)*

Five minutes per discussant to start the conversation

11:00 - 11:15  Break

11:15-12:15  PANEL 2: Measuring and Reporting Health Equity
Key questions: How do we best measure and report on health equity? Is equity best captured in a single measure, a collection of measures, a series of stratified outcome reports? What information is most useful to consumers, policymakers, and providers?
Moderator: Darrell Gaskin, Ph.D., committee member; Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Discussants:

- Philip Alberti, Ph.D., Association of American Medical Colleges
- Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., M.Phil., National Quality Forum
- Alan Zaslavsky, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School
- Donna Zimmerman, M.P.H., RN, HealthPartners

Five minutes per discussant to start the conversation

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch (45 minutes) – West Court

1:00-2:00 PANEL 3: Approaches for Incorporating Social Risk Measures into Medicare Value-Based Payment Policy—Pros and Cons of Adjustment, Stratification, and Targeted Bonuses

Key questions: What are the pros and cons of various approaches to incorporating social risk into payment policy? What scenarios (if any) lend themselves to each? Are there additional approaches that should be considered?

Moderator: Meredith Rosenthal, Ph.D., committee member; Harvard University

Discussants:

- Arlene Ash, Ph.D., M.A., University of Massachusetts
- Randy Ellis, Ph.D., M.Sc., Boston University
- Mat Reidhead, M.A., Missouri Hospital Association
- Akinluwa (Akin) Demehin, M.P.H., American Hospital Association

Five minutes per discussant to start the conversation

2:00-3:00 PANEL 4: Strategies for supporting better outcomes for beneficiaries with social risk factors

Key question: What are some promising strategies—including best practices, use of payment demonstrations, incentives for innovation, etc., —for improving outcomes for at-risk beneficiaries?

Moderator: John Ayanian, M.D., M.P.P., committee member; University of Michigan

Discussants:

- Marshall Chin, M.D., M.P.H., University of Chicago
Five minutes per discussant to start the conversation

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:00 ASPE: IMPACT Study B overview and next steps
Goal: Share preliminary findings, stimulate discussion, and generate feedback

Robin Yabroff, Ph.D., M.B.A., Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
Rachael Zuckerman, Ph.D., M.P.H., Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Discussion with audience

Moderator: Dan Polsky, Ph.D., committee member; University of Pennsylvania

4:00-4:15 Summary and Adjourn

Nancy De Lew
Donald Steinwachs