

## **Accelerating Delivery System and Payment Reform in the Safety Net**

### *Webinar Agenda*

February 28<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12 EST

Safety net organizations play an integral role in our healthcare system by providing care for our nation's most vulnerable patient populations, yet they exist within a fragmented system that contributes to duplication and gaps in patient care. There is a growing consensus that value-based payment (VBP) models can be an effective tool to improve the quality and efficiency of care for patients served by safety net organizations. However, safety net providers have lagged behind VBP participation compared to non-safety net providers, leaving out under-resourced communities from the potential quality and cost benefits of VBP models. This webinar discusses the key challenges to safety net participation in VBP arrangements and explores policy recommendations at the federal and state level to facilitate safety net engagement. Participants will hear from policymakers, providers, and industry leaders on the practical steps needed to support safety net payment and care delivery transformation.

#### **10:00 AM**      **Welcome**

**Mark McClellan, MD, PhD;** Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

**Corinne Lewis, MSW;** Program Officer, Delivery System Reform, the Commonwealth Fund

**Lee-Lee Ellis, PhD;** Health Care Director, Payor Reform; Arnold Ventures

#### **10:10 AM**      **Opportunities for Accelerating Delivery System and Payment Reform in the Safety Net**

**Mark McClellan, MD, PhD;** Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

**Mark Smith, MD, MBA;** University of California San Francisco

**Objectives:** Summarize Duke-Margolis's findings on the current payment landscape for safety net institutions and present recommendations for practical policy reforms.

#### **10:25 AM**      **Panel: Implementation Considerations and Strategies for Effective Engagement of Safety Net Providers in Value-Based Payment Models**

**Christina Severin, MPH;** President and CEO Community Care Cooperative

**Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH;** CEO of MLK Community Healthcare

**Jana Eubank, MPA;** Executive Director of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers

**Terry Scoggin, CPA;** CEO of Titus Regional Medical Center

**Objectives:** Discuss opportunities and strategies for providers to participate in VBP models. Key topics include:

- Strategies and barriers for providers to participate in VBP and improve care in the safety net
- Expertise from exemplar safety net institutions that have adopted VBP design elements in the field
- Opportunities for policy reforms to create pathways for safety net participation in VBP models

**11:05 AM**      **Panel: Federal and State Policy Levers to Drive Value-Based Payment Reform in the Safety Net**

**Objectives:** Identify areas for multipayer alignment across Medicare, Medicaid, and Marketplace plans that are supported by financially aligned funding from HRSA, SAMHSA, CDC, and other funders. Explore pathways for financial and strategic alignment, including strategies to braid and blend funding, align on payment model components and data metrics, and build sustainable community partnerships. Identify state policy vehicles to implement Medicaid payment reform, such as 1115 Waivers, State Plan Amendments, and MCO contract requirements.

**Carole Johnson, MA;** Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration  
**Darin Gordon, BS;** Founding Partner, Speire Healthcare Strategies, Former Director of TennCare

**Ellen-Marie Whelan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN;** Chief Population Health Officer, CMS Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

**Kelly Cronin, MPH, MS;** Deputy Administrator, Innovation and Partnership, HHS Administration for Community Living

**Tequila Terry, MBA, MPH;** Group Director, State Innovation and Prevention & Population Health at the CMS Innovation Center

**11:45 AM**      **Wrap Up and Closing Remarks**

**Mark McClellan, MD, PhD;** Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

**Objectives:** Synthesize and discuss key highlights from the webinar and identify future steps to support safety net engagement in VBP models.

**12:00 PM**      **Adjourn**

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