

Medicare Accountable Care in 2025 and Beyond: Building on Successes and Finding New Opportunities

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1:00pm – 4:00pm ET

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Almost one decade after passage of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, and numerous payment and delivery reforms implemented, accountable care is at an inflection point. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation models have generated a multitude of key learnings related to both successfully designing and participating in value-based care, which commercial payers have leveraged and built on to scale models more broadly. More lives are covered under accountable arrangements than ever before, and many providers have developed deep expertise in accountable care supported by robust investments in core accountable care infrastructure. At the same time, participation in some accountable care models has plateaued, and there is a growing need for both more advanced accountable care arrangements and evidence on the amount and how savings are generated. In partnership with West Health, this conference will host a series of conversations to discuss how to build on success to date and leverage the momentum of new administrative proposals and ongoing discussions in Congress to catalyze participation and accelerate progress.

AGENDA

1:00 PM **Welcome and Preview**

Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

1:10 PM **Congressional Action to Support Accelerating Accountable Care: Where We've Been and Where We're Going**

Objective: The conversation between Drs. McClellan and Burgess will focus on Congressional priorities to reform Medicare, value-based care, and supporting policies over the next decade, recognizing the important role that MACRA plays in our Nation's health system and its implementation to-date.

Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy
The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD, The US House of Representatives

1:30 PM **The Next Iteration of MACRA: Building on MIPS and AAPMs to Improve Medicare's Payment Systems**

Objective: Reflecting on previous comments on congressional action, this panel will explore current challenges with and opportunities to build on the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act's core tracks: the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System and Advanced Alternative Payment Models. In particular, panelists will help provide additional context where Congress should focus their efforts for short-term legislative needs, but also longer-term opportunities to achieve the 2030 vision.

Moderator: Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Panelists:

Susan Dentzer, President and CEO, America's Physician Groups

Michael McWilliams, Warren Alpert Foundation Professor of Health Care Policy, Professor of Medicine, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School

Aisha Pittman, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, National Association of ACOs

2:05 PM **Advancing Alternative Payment Models: Accelerating Adoption of Accountable Care in the Near-Term**

Objective: This session will explore the immediate priorities for payers and providers to increase participation in advanced accountable care models. In particular, the panel will discuss how accountable care can be improved in its design and implementation, such as supporting more advanced primary care, engaging specialists in reforms, focusing on the measures that matter, ensuring data are available to support care improvement, and better accounting through risk adjustment for the different populations health care organizations serve.

Moderator: Rob Saunders, PhD, Senior Research Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Panelists:

Ken Cohen, Executive Director Translational Research, Optum

Elizabeth Drye, Chief Scientific Officer, National Quality Forum

Marc Gruner, Co-Founder, Limber

Amanda Williams, DO, CMD, Family Physician, Geriatrician, Medical Director, Physicians Group of Southeastern Ohio

2:40 PM **Break**

2:50 PM **Improving Learning and Diffusion of Accountable Care: Developing a More Systematic Approach**

Objective: Discuss more systematic approaches to evidence generation that could be implemented to improve rapid learning, scaling, and implementation. The goals of this session are to identify what opportunities there are for CMMI to improve on its valuable learning systems that have empowered the last decade of accountable care reform, with a keen focus on opportunities to accelerate assessments and evidence generation, and understand what resources providers and payers need to more meaningfully engage in learning and implementation.

Moderator: Rob Saunders, PhD, Senior Research Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Panelists:

Dawn Alley, Head of Scale, IMPaCT Care

Peter Margolis, Co-Director of James M. Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Kathleen Noonan, President and CEO, Camden Coalition

Will Shrank, Venture Partner, A16Z

3:25 PM **The Next Iteration of Innovation—The Role of CMMI in 21st Century Accountable Care in Promoting Learning and Diffusion - Fireside Chat**

Objective: This fireside chat will focus on the next iteration of accountable care, and what role CMMI will need to fill to achieve its vision in the next five years. In particular, panelists will reflect on first decade of CMMI, including what has been learned from models to date, how is evidence being used to drive improvements, and where we are going. Additionally, the panel will build on the prior panel to discuss opportunities to advance shared learning systems to accelerate adoption and how Duke-Margolis and other organizations can partner through key strategic investments in learning and diffusion.

Moderator: Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Panelists:

Liz Fowler, Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

Tim Lash, President, West Health Institute and West Health Policy Center

3:55 PM **Reflections, Conclusion, and Dismissal**

Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director of the Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy