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MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Registration

Meeting Level 4 (M4) Foyer

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Plenary: National Health Policy Priorities for the 115th Congress

Liberty Ballroom – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, U.S. Senator, Louisiana

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10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Networking Coffee Break

Meeting Level 4 (M4) Foyer

Sponsored by the John A. Hartford Foundation

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

The Journey from Health Care to Population Health

Archives – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Sam Shekar, Northrop Grumman Information Systems

Speakers: Dawn Alley, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; **Mike Fraser**, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; **Pamela Riley**, The Commonwealth Fund; **Eric Wagner**, Medstar Health

Session Description: This session will examine how changing payment and measurement systems is helping transform health care. It will examine the emerging interface between health care delivery systems and public health and how they are both moving toward a stronger population health focus. It will also look at best practices and lessons learned from providers implementing “new” care-related models (ACOs, QPPs, bundled payment initiatives, etc.).

MACRA: Now That We’ve Got It, What Do We Do With It?

Capitol/Congress – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Elizabeth Fowler, Johnson & Johnson

Speakers: Katherine Baicker, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; **Robert Nesse**, Mayo Clinic Health System; **Lewis Sandy**, UnitedHealth Group

Session Description: MACRA passed in 2015 with a large bipartisan majority in Congress. The law is complex, and its fate now rests in the hands of a new administration. This session will focus on the implementation of MACRA, MIPS and APMs in the context of the new administration, current market pressures, and provider concerns.

Late Breaking: What’s Next for Drug Pricing? Policy Approaches to Promoting Value-based Care

Independence A/B/C – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: John Selig, The Lewin Group

Speakers: Rhonda Driver, Oregon Health and Science University; **Mark McClellan**, Duke University; **Leigh Purvis**, AARP

Session Description: This session is intended to be an in-depth discussion about the current landscape of prices for new and existing drugs and recent policy and market developments. Panelists will share the state, industry, consumer, and national policy perspectives.

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What Do We Know about the Consumer Experience on the Insurance Marketplaces? Insights from Three Impactful Projects

University of DC/Catholic University – Meeting Level 1 (M1)

Chair: Katherine Hempstead, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Panelists: Sabrina Corlette, Georgetown University; Alison Betty, GMMB; Janet Weiner, University of Pennsylvania

Policy Roundtable Description: Research has played a pivotal role in helping state and federal policymakers implement, evaluate, and refine the Affordable Care Act's insurance marketplaces. This roundtable will explore the contributions of three diverse projects that have informed policymakers on this topic and identify lessons learned about generating research with real-world impact.

12:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Lunch Plenary

Liberty Ballroom – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

HSR Impact Award Presentation

"The Impacts of Health Insurance and the Affordable Care Act"

Benjamin Sommers, M.D., Ph.D., Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Lunch Plenary: How Investors Are Looking at Health Care

Chair: Paul Ginsburg, University of Southern California and Brookings Institution

Speakers: Annie Lamont, Oak HC/FT; Bijan Salehizadeh, NaviMed Capital

Session Description: With health care as dynamic as it is today, substantial venture capital has been invested in new enterprises responding to opportunities for innovation. To get an insight into innovations in delivery that might shape health care in the future, this plenary session will feature a roundtable discussion with venture capital investors focused on health care delivery.

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Special Plenary: Nancy Pelosi, House Democratic Leader of the United States House of Representatives

Session Description: House Democratic Leader Pelosi will discuss the 2017 health care agenda.

2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

New Approaches to Using Evidence to Guide Health Policy and Population Health

Archives – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: John Auerbach, Trust for America's Health

Speakers: Darshak Sanghavi, OptumLabs; Alice Yu, Palantir; Josh Gray, athenahealth

Session Description: This session will spotlight evidence-informed policy through case examples that demonstrate the use of economic modeling, the sharing of data across sectors, and the navigation of political contexts. It will showcase instances where data has been used to design, implement, and inform policy.

Reimagining Health Equity

Capitol/Congress – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: **Stephen Thomas**, University of Maryland

Speakers: **Michael Meit**, NORC at the University of Chicago; **Abigail Bucuvalas**, Sesame Workshop

Session Description: In principle, health equity refers to the commitment to reduce health disparities caused by social determinants such as income, race, and ethnicity, and environmental determinants such as lead. In practice, many groups have been left out of the health equity equation. This panel will help expand the definition of health equity and deepen our understanding of a more inclusive approach in the future.

Rapid Fire Presentations—Early Evidence on Payment Reform

Independence A/B/C

Chairs: **Michael Akinyele**, Lymphoma Research Foundation; **Linda Blumberg**, Urban Institute

Speakers: **Lindsay Erickson**, Integrated Healthcare Association

Charting a Course to Value in Physician Payment: Key P4P Design Decisions

Susan Birch, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Colorado's Accountable Care Collaborative

Kara Morgan, Battelle Memorial Institute

Innovation within Value-Based Purchasing Models – Case Study on Decision

Making about the Use of Precision Medicine Tools

Kevin Quinn, Conduent Inc.

The Eight Basic Payment Methods in Health Care

Neil Fleming, Baylor Scott & White Health

Costs of Transforming Established Primary Care Practices to Patient-Centered

Medical Homes

Andreea Balan-Cohen, Deloitte Center for Health Solutions

Emergency Room Use Under the ACA: Is Access to Alternative Care Settings

Improving?

Michael Millenson, Health Quality Advisors LLC; Feinberg School of Medicine

Patient-Centeredness in ACOs: The Front Lines Versus the Federal Register

Kathleen Carey, Boston University School of Public Health

Safety-Net Hospital Improvement Under the Medicare Readmissions Reduction Program

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The Politics of Universal Health Care: Lessons from Massachusetts, Colorado and Vermont

University of DC/Catholic University – Meeting Level 1 (M1)

Chair: **Michele Lueck**, Colorado Health Institute

Panelists: **Edmond Toy**, Colorado Health Institute; **John McDonough**, Harvard

School of Public Health; **Robin Lunge**, State of Vermont Agency of

Administration

Policy Roundtable Description: Efforts to achieve universal coverage have been building for years, but reached a fever pitch in 2016. Join health policy experts from Vermont, Massachusetts and Colorado as we explore their attempts to pass universal systems to learn what worked, what didn't and how the election results might change supporters' strategies.

4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

Break

- 4:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m. **Plenary: Innovations That Are Disrupting Health Care**
 Liberty Ballroom – Meeting Level 4 (M4)
Chair: Karen Wolk Feinstein, Jewish Healthcare Foundation
Speakers: **Nancy Gagliano**, Culbert Healthcare Solutions; **M. Chris Gibbons**, Federal Communications Commission, **Rasu Shrestha**, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Session Description: In an armchair discussion format, leaders on the front lines of innovation discuss the latest disruptive forces in health care. Learn about recent advances in convenient care, telehealth, and health care start-ups, directly from the experts implementing these changes. Speakers will share the opportunities, challenges, lessons learned, and future trends for these and other health care innovations.
- 5:45 p.m.–7:00 p.m. **Reception**
 Independence A/B/C – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **Registration**
 Meeting Level 4 (M4) Foyer
- 8:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast and NEW! Poster Session**
 Monument and Supreme Court – Meeting Level 4 (M4)
- 9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. **Plenary: Lessons from Congressional Staff Alumni**
 Liberty Ballroom – Meeting Level 4 (M4)
Chair: **John Iglehart**, Health Affairs
Speakers: **Robert Horne**, Horizon Government Affairs; **Emily Porter**, The Nickles Group; **Cybele Bjorklund**, Sanofi; **Jenelle Krishnamoorthy**, Merck
Session Description: Congressional veterans will speak to the inner workings of Congress and the key health policy issues facing the 115th Congress, including how the results of the 2016 election will shape the legislative policy process in the year(s) ahead.
- 10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
- Creating a More Diversified Health Services Workforce**
 Archives – Meeting Level 4 (M4)
Chair: **Mariah Cole**, Meharry Medical College
Panelists: **Dexter Samuels**, Meharry Medical College; **Reuben Warren**, Tuskegee University; **Rosalyn Carpenter**, Catholic Health Initiatives
Policy Roundtable Description: The workforce creating health policy and providing health care services does not reflect the growing diversity of the population served. This panel focuses on diversifying the field to better reflect communities of color and to better address health and health care disparities among minority and underserved populations.

Overcoming Barriers to Reduce Overuse of Tests and Procedures

Capitol/Congress – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Daniel Wolfson, ABIM Foundation

Panelists: Scott Weingarten, Cedars-Sinai; A. Mark Fendrick, University of Michigan - Center for Value-Based Insurance Design; Suzanne Delbanco, Catalyst for Payment Reform; Carrie Colla, Geisel School of Medicine

Policy Roundtable Description: There are a variety of barriers for policymakers to overcome in trying to reduce overuse. The goal of this roundtable is to examine the evidence about barriers to reducing overuse as well as to highlight promising strategies combining both evidence and innovation to overcome these barriers.

Alternative Payment Models: What Have We Learned? What Next?

Independence A/B/C – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Susan Dentzer, Network for Excellence in Health Innovation

Speakers: Gail Wilensky, Project HOPE; Ashish Jha, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Michael Chernev, Harvard Medical School

Session Description: Amid evolving plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act; eliminate or curtail the role of the CMS Innovation Center, and still push forward on alternative payment models under MACRA, the future of federally-driven payment and delivery system reform is uncertain. Speakers will explore what trends may lie ahead.

What Will Policymakers Learn from Evaluations of State 1115 Medicaid Waiver Demonstrations?

University of DC/Catholic University – Meeting Level 1 (M1)

Chair: Donna Friedsam, University of Wisconsin—Madison

Panelists: Sara Rosenbaum, George Washington University; John Ayanian, University of Michigan; Joseph Thompson, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement

Policy Roundtable Description: New federal leadership, in reforming Medicaid, will look to models from states' CMS-authorized 1115 research and demonstration waivers. Federally-required evaluations may inform this process. The value of such evaluations, however, will depend on their focus, scope, and methods. This panel will review existing state evaluations and their national implications.

The Future of Reproductive Health Care: Prospects for 2017

Treasury – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Debra Ness, National Partnership for Women & Families

Speakers: Alina Salganicoff, Kaiser Family Foundation; Rachel Benson Gold, Guttmacher Institute; Emily Stewart, Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Jessi Leigh Swenson, National Partnership for Women & Families

Session Description: This panel will focus on the reproductive health implications of policy proposals to repeal the Affordable Care Act, transform Medicaid into a block grant, and restrict federal funding for the reproductive health safety net, including Planned Parenthood. It will also discuss prospects for new state and federal limits to abortion.

- 12:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m. **Lunch Plenary**
 Liberty Ballroom – Meeting Level 4 (M4)
The Honorable Tim Kaine, U.S. Senator, Virginia
- The State Perspective on Public Health, Coverage and Innovation**
Chair: Jordan Rau, Kaiser Health News
Speakers: Sandra Hernandez, California Health Care Foundation; **Dorothy Teeter**, Washington State Health Care Authority; **Nick Lyon**, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; **Mary Applegate**, Ohio Department of Medicaid
Session Description: Leaders at the front lines of proposing, enacting, implementing and evaluating state action to expand coverage, spur innovation, and address population health will discuss recent progress and likely changes in light of the 2016 election results and their impact on the make-up of state legislative bodies and governors.
- 2:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
- Rapid Fire Presentations–Consumers’ Behavior and Population Health**
 Archives – Meeting Level 4 (M4)
Chairs: Dora Hughes, Sidley Austin LLP; **Jeffrey Selberg**, Peterson Center on Healthcare
Speakers: Rebecca Myerson, University of Southern California
 Consumer Assistance Grants and Health Insurance Enrollment
Charlene Wong, University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
 Help Me Shop for a Health Insurance Plan: Improving Choice Environment and Decision-Support Tools on the Marketplaces
Michelle Strollo, NORC at the University of Chicago
 How Useful a Measure Is the Provider Participation Rate for Consumer Health Plan Choice?
David Auerbach, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission
 Using Evidence-Based Research to Influence Health Insurance Markets in Massachusetts
Stephanie Kissam, RTI International
 Influencing the Medicaid Expansion Debate: Sources of Evidence Matter in Three Conservative States
Steve Makkar, AcademyHealth
 Using Measures to Evaluate Health Policy Agency’s Capacity to Support the Use of Research in Decision Making
Shale Wong, University of Colorado; Eugene S. Farley Health Policy Center
 Social Drivers of Healthcare Costs within Families
Maria Schiff, Pew Charitable Trusts
 Facilitating Continuity of Care: How Do Departments of Corrections (DOC) Coordinate with Other State Agencies to Help Exiting Inmates Transition to Community Health Care?
Scott Burris, Temple University-Law School- Center for Public Health Law Research
 Mapping Medical Marijuana: State Regulations in the Absence of Federal Drug Oversight

Late Breaking: In-depth Discussion about the New Administration's Health Policy Agenda

Capitol/Congress – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: William Hoagland, Bipartisan Policy Center

Speakers: Stephen Parente, University of Minnesota; Sara Rosenbaum, George Washington University; Sherry Glied, New York University; Chris Holt, American Action Forum

Session Description: Using an armchair conversation style, this session will be an in-depth discussion about the new administration's plans and priorities for its 2017 health policy agenda.

Developing Evidence-Based Policy to Address the Opioid Epidemic

Independence A/B/C – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Amy Kilbourne, VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative

Panelists: Austin Frakt, VA Boston Healthcare System; Adam Sacarny, Columbia University; Mireille Jacobson, RAND; Elana Safran, Office of Evaluation Sciences

Policy Roundtable Description: Researcher and policymaker panelists will discuss cross-sector collaborations to produce rigorous, policy-relevant research and evidence-informed policy. Specifically, they will highlight partnerships to develop innovative programs to treat patients with opioid use disorders and to prospectively identify patients at high risk of adverse outcomes.

Stability of the Public Exchanges – Competition, Risk Pools, Risk Adjustment, and Affordability

University of DC/Catholic University – Meeting Level 1 (M1)

Chair: Michael Chernew, Harvard Medical School

Panelists: John Hsu, Harvard Medical School; John Bertko, Covered California; Thomas McGuire, Harvard Medical School; Al Bingham, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Policy Roundtable Description: ACA individual market exchanges are entering their fourth year with rising concerns about their viability. This panel will discuss several issues relevant to exchange stability in the post-transitional Premium Stabilization Program era: risk pools, adverse selection, & death spirals; insurer & consumer participation in exchanges; and risk adjustment & enrollment period reforms.

4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

Plenary: The Media on the 2016 Election and What's Next for Health Policy
Liberty Ballroom – Meeting Level 4 (M4)

Chair: Shannon Brownlee, Lown Institute

Speakers: Paige Winfield-Cunningham, *Washington Examiner*; Dan Diamond, *POLITICO Pulse*; Avik Roy, The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity; Julie Rovner, *Kaiser Health News*

Session Description: This session will dissect and debate the results of the 2016 election, its resulting balance of power in the nation's capital, and what we can expect to dominate the health policy debates in the year ahead.

5:15 p.m.

Conference Concludes

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meet-the-Experts Student Breakfast

Union Station – Meeting Level 3 (M3)

Open to all students attending the National Health Policy Conference. No prior registration required. The Meet-the-Experts Student Breakfast provides students with the opportunity to network with seasoned health policy professionals and health services and policy researchers. Through informal discussion, students will learn more about the experts' achievements and current work, as well as gain valuable insight for shaping their own careers.

6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

AcademyHealth Student Networking Happy Hour

High Velocity Sports Bar at Marriott Marquis Washington DC – Lobby Level

Open to all National Health Policy Conference student attendees. No prior registration required. This annual networking event brings together students and young professionals in health policy. Co-Hosted by the Society for Health Policy Young Professionals

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

State Health Research & Policy Interest Group Breakfast

University of DC/Catholic University - Meeting Level 1 (M1)

State Efforts to Address the Opioid Crisis

This special session will provide an overview of the National Governors Association's Finding Solutions to the Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: A Road Map for States and key state innovations that are focused on outcomes. The session will also showcase case studies and implementation details from two innovator states.

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