

Medicare Health Care Quality Demonstration Program (MHCQ - MMA 646)
December 2, 2005
10 am – 5 pm

Increasingly health information technology, particularly health care data exchange, is playing a critical role in achieving improved quality of care more efficiently. The purpose of this meeting is to give interested MHCQ – 646 applicants a more concise understanding of the relevance CMS expects health IT and clinical decision support to play in improving quality of care, a primary goal of the Demonstration which those selected for participation will be expected to achieve through a systems redesign, an integral component of this Demonstration. Industry leaders with first hand knowledge of health data exchange and the use of clinical decision support and shared decision-making tools will discuss how they have successfully re-engineered the delivery of care to achieve better health outcomes. A discussion on payment methodologies/budget neutrality and CMS' data resources, two additional areas of importance to Demonstration applicants, will also be included.

10:00 am – 10:20 am: **Welcoming Remarks:** Mark McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.,
Administrator, CMS.

The meeting will be kicked off by Dr. McClellan who will share his overall vision for using health IT to improve care delivered to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and how 646 is expected to contribute to this.

10:20 am – 12:00 pm: **Health Information Technology and Information
Exchange Networks: The State of Play and Potential
Models for Sustainability**

This will be a panel discussion that includes several leading experts who have worked on various fronts to improve quality of care through the use of health IT including exchanging clinical data.

- Jared, Adair, Computer Sciences Corporation (Moderator)
- Marc Overhage, M.D., Ph.D., Research Scientist, Regenstrief Institute, Inc.; Associate Professor of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine (Indianapolis, IN)
- A. John Blair, III, MD, President and CEO, Taconic IPA, Inc. (Mid-Hudson Valley, NY)
- Liesa Jo Jenkins, Executive Director, CareSpark Inc. (TN / VA)
- Jan Walker, Executive Director, Center for IT Leadership, Partners HealthCare System (Costs and Benefits of Clinical Data Exchange) (invited)

12:00 pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch**

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Clinical Decision Support / Shared Decision Making

This will be a series of presentations on the use of clinical decision support and shared decision-making tools to improve quality of care. Topics will include engaging physicians and consumers as well as the case for electronic health records.

- Jonathan Teich, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard University (Moderator)
- Paul Tang, M.D., CMO, Palo Alto Medical Foundation
- Peter Basch, M.D., Medical Director for eHealth, MedStar Health

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Data Discussion – ResDAC and Accumen LLC

A discussion concerning what data are available to 646 applicants and the time frames associated with securing data.

- Marshall McBean, M.D., M.Sc., Director of the Research Data Assistance Center, (ResDAC), University of Minnesota, School of Public Health
- Thomas MaCurdy, Director, CMS' Research Data Distribution Center, Acumen LLC

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Budget Neutrality and Payment Overview

An overview of the budget neutrality requirement and demonstration payment methodologies.

- Linda Magno, Director, Medicare Demonstrations Program Group

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Audience Q&A and Closing Remarks