**Health Affairs Briefing**  
**Focus On The Care Span For The Elderly And Disabled**  
National Press Club  
Tuesday, June 5, 2012

**Agenda**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Susan Dentzer*, Editor-In-Chief, *Health Affairs*

8:10 a.m. **Remarks**  
*Gretchen Alkema*, Vice President, Policy and Communications, The SCAN Foundation

8:15 a.m. **Remarks**  
*Barbara Coulter Edwards*, Director, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, US Department of Health and Human Services

8:45 a.m. **Panel 1: Improving The Coordination Of Care For People In Medicare And Medicaid**  
*Marsha R. Gold*, Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research, on *There Is Little Experience And Limited Data To Support Policy Making On Integrated Care For Dual Eligibles*  
*R. Tamara Konetzka*, Associate Professor, University of Chicago, on *Users Of Medicaid Home And Community-Based Services Are Especially Vulnerable To Costly Avoidable Hospital Admissions*  
*H. Stephen Kaye*, Professor, Institute for Health & Aging and Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of California San Francisco, on *Gradual Rebalancing Of Medicaid Long-Term Services And Supports Saves Money And Serves More People, Statistical Model Shows*  
*Randall S. Brown*, Vice President, Mathematica Policy Research, on *Six Features Of Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration Programs That Cut Hospital Admissions Of High-Risk Patients*  
*Patricia Neuman*, Vice President and Director, Medicare Policy Project, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, on *Dx For A Careful Approach To Moving Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries Into Managed Care Plans*

Q & A

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. **Panel 2: Innovations In Care Delivery**  
*Bruce Leff*, Professor, Johns Hopkins University Schools of Medicine and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, on *Rapid Reengineering Of Acute Medical Care For Medicare Beneficiaries – The Medicare Innovations Collaborative*  
*Robert M. Palmer*, Director, Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, and Professor of Medicine, Eastern Virginia Medical School, on *Acute Care For Elders Units Produced Shorter Hospital Stays At Lower Cost While Maintaining Patients’ Functional Status*  
*Deborah N. Peikes*, Senior Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research, on *How Changes In Washington University’s Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration Pilot Ultimately Achieved Savings*  
*Melanie Van Amsterdam*, Lead Physician, Hospital at Home and House Calls Programs, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, on *Costs For ‘Hospital At Home’ Patients*
Were 19 Percent Lower, With Equal Or Better Outcomes Compared To Similar Inpatients

*Esther (Estee) B. Neuwirth, Director - Field Studies, Evaluation & Analytics, Care Management Institute, Kaiser Permanente on How Kaiser Permanente Uses Video Ethnography Of Patients For Quality Improvement, Such As In Shaping Better Care Transitions

11:00 a.m.  Panel 3: Emerging Issues In Care And Coverage

*Brad Wright, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, Brown University, Sharp Rise In Medicare Enrollees Being Held In Hospitals For Observation Raises Concerns About Causes And Consequences

*Kathleen McGarry, Professor of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, on Long-Term Care Insurance Demand Limited By Beliefs About Needs, Concerns About Insurers, And Care Available From Family

Q & A

Noon  Panel 4: Care For Advanced Illness And Toward The End Of Life

*Alexander K. Smith, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, University of California, San Francisco, on Half Of Older Americans Seen In Emergency Department In Last Month Of Life; Most Admitted To Hospital, And Many Die There

*Jennifer W. Thompson, Project Manager, Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute, on US Hospice Industry Experienced Considerable Turbulence From Changes In Ownership, Growth, And Shift To For-Profit Status

*Bruce C. Vladeck, Senior Advisor, Nexera Inc, and former Administrator Health Care Financing Administration, on Dignity-Driven Decision Making: A Compelling Strategy For Improving Care For People With Advanced Illness

Q & A

1:00 p.m.  Adjourn