

Submit abstracts no later than January 9, 2012 to Don Metz, executive editor, and Stephen Langel, senior editor, by e-mail to dmetz@projecthope.org; slangel@projecthope.org (see submission requirements below and visit http://www.healthaffairs.org/Abstract_Submission_FAQ.php for additional information and answers to frequently asked questions)

Background

Health Affairs plans a thematic issue in 2012 on trends and developments in payment reform. We will consider papers that cover a variety of perspectives on this topic, including: overview papers that explore historical trends and environmental factors that have shaped these trends; economic, political, and policy analyses that lay out the prospects and motivation for various reforms and their implications for payers, providers, patients, and others; analyses of payment methods under active consideration or undergoing implementation today; and key issues for policy makers in evaluating and incentivizing various reform efforts. This theme issue is scheduled for publication in mid-2012.

Request for abstracts

A number of topics have already been invited and are listed below. The journal also welcomes proposals for additional papers, analyses, and commentaries for this thematic issue, including articles that discuss the most promising models of payment reform on the market, the barriers to their implementation, and how to plan around current economic and political realities. We would also welcome papers that report on individual state and local experiences. Abstracts are requested by **January 9, 2012**. We regret that we will not be able to consider any abstracts submitted after that date.

The editors will evaluate the abstracts and, pending the outcome, invite papers for submission in mid-January 2012. Invited papers will be due at the journal on **February 6, 2012**.

Following submission, invited papers will be subjected to peer review and revision; that process should be complete for most papers within two to three months of submission. Copyediting and production for the issue will take place in the month leading up to publication.

Submissions requirements

Abstract submissions should not exceed 500 words, and should include (in this order): proposed title, author names and affiliations, abstract, name and contact information for the corresponding author below the abstract. Please consult our online guidelines for additional formatting instructions and answers to frequently asked questions:

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If you wish to submit an abstract, please send it as an e-mail attachment directly to executive editor Don Metz at dmetz@projecthope.org and senior editor Stephen Langel at slangel@projecthope.org.

We thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to colleagues who might be interested, as well.

Below is the list of topics already in preparation for this issue. As noted, we welcome abstracts on other topics not listed here or complementary to those listed here.

- History and analysis of impact of various payment and delivery reform strategies, such as capitation, fee-for-service, prospective payment, bundled payment, patient centered medical homes, accountable care organizations.
- Vision for a transformed health care system and the role of payment.
- The evolution of payment in a patient-centered medical home model.
- Examination of private sector Accountable Care Organization-type payment models, from plan and provider perspectives.
- Measuring outcomes and efficiency in Medicare hospital value-based purchasing programs.
- State efforts to develop global payment systems.
- Diagnosis-related groups under Medicare and impact on hospital purchasing.

Again, we invite abstracts not to exceed 500 words by January 9, 2012.

Send questions and submissions to Don Metz at dmetz@projecthope.org and Stephen Langel at slangel@projecthope.org. The editors may also be reached by phone at 301-656-7401.