



Developing Accountable Care Organizations in MassHealth: Public Stakeholder Meeting

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June 12, 2014

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Omni Parker House, 60 School St., Boston
Rooftop Ballroom

AGENDA

1:00 pm

Welcome and Purpose

Audrey Shelto, President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

John Polanowicz, Secretary of Health and Human Services

Kristin Thorn, Medicaid Director, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Kate Nordahl, Director, Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute

Audrey Shelto, John Polanowicz, Kristin Thorn, and Kate Nordahl will welcome attendees and discuss the meeting objectives.

Moderated Sessions

Each of the following sessions will feature a key design issue for Medicaid ACO development. The moderator will begin each session with a panel discussion and then open the discussion to audience questions.

Moderator:

Stephen A. Somers, Center for Health Care Strategies

Panelists:

Bill Hagan, Chief Growth Officer, UnitedHealthcare Community and State

Churchill Hindes, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare Vermont

Kara Suter, Director of Payment Reform, Department of Vermont Health Access

Marie Zimmerman, Health Care Policy Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services

1:15

Medicaid ACO Overview

Panelists will provide a brief overview of the ACO model in their state, describing key features and sharing challenges.



- 1:45 **Session 1: Approaches to ACO Governance and Structure**
Participants will discuss their approaches to governance and structural ACO requirements, including allowable ACO organizational arrangements, provider participation requirements, and patient attribution models. Special focus will be given to how ACOs can work in conjunction with existing Medicaid initiatives in the state.
- 2:20 **Session 2: Scope of Services**
Participants will discuss the types of Medicaid patients served and scope of services included in their ACO models, including physical health, behavioral health, and long-term supports and services. Discussion will encompass considerations of the opportunities and challenges driving these decisions.
- 2:55 **Break**
- 3:10 **Session 3: Reimbursement Structures**
Participants will discuss their ACO payment and reimbursement models, including key methodological features and the benefits and drawbacks of each model.
- 3:45 **Session 4: Alignment with Medicare and Commercial Models**
Participants will delve into strategies for aligning with existing Medicare and commercial ACOs in the state, exploring areas where alignment may be key, such as quality metrics, and areas where it may not be necessary.
- 4:20 **Open Question and Answer Session**
Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of panelists pertaining to Medicaid ACOs that have not been previously addressed during the sessions.
- 4:50 **Wrap-up and Adjourn**
Stephen A. Somers, CHCS
Kate Nordahl, MMPI
- Speakers will highlight key points of discussion for stakeholder and MassHealth consideration moving ahead and preview upcoming stakeholder sessions.