



MRT Work Group Meeting Summary

Work Group Name:

Payment Reform & Quality Measurement Work Group

Meeting Date, Time, Location:

September 20; 10:30-3:30; Frear Building, Troy, NY

Members in Attendance:

Dan Sisto, William Streck, Rick Abrams, Elisabeth Benjamin, Scott Cooper, Michael Cropp, Joanne Cunningham, Emma DeVito, Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez, Ronda Kotelchuck, Phyllis Lantos, Art Levin, Joe Quagliata, Steven Safyer, Susan Stuard, James Tallon, Pat Wang, Marlene Zurack, Donna Frescatore and John Ulberg.

Summary of Key Meeting Content:

The Work Group met for the first time in Troy, New York. The Work Group was provided with an overview of the MRT's progress thus far and informed of the timeframe for completion of the Work Group's objectives. The Work Group reviewed and agreed upon its charge. The Work Group then discussed and developed guiding principles, providing staff with a working draft of guiding principles that would be revised and presented at the next meeting. The Work Group agreed that flexibility was an important component to the development of any recommendations. The Chairs then provided a presentation on federal budget challenges (i.e., federal payment reductions, ACA's impact on Medicare management, impact of Federal deficit reduction/debt ceiling, Select Committee reduction options, and Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor) and innovative payment models (i.e., the role of the CMMI, available federal demonstration projects, CMS shared savings models, and New York MRT reform options).

The Work Group discussed at length the expenditures and unique needs of New York's dual eligible population (i.e., persons eligible for Medicare and Medicaid). In addition, the Work Group spent some time discussing quality measures, with a particular emphasis on the distinction between science-based versus standard-of-care (should this read process measures versus outcome measures). The Work Group also reviewed data on Medicaid patients that meet the federal definition for qualifying for health homes and sources of HCRA funding. The Work Group requested additional information from the Department of Health on health homes and DSH/Indigent Care funding.

Next Steps/Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Present on DSH
 - Present on Safety Net Providers
- Respond to inquiries from September 20th Meeting
 - Review of Guiding Principles
- Development of Potential Recommendations

Next Meeting Date, Time, Location:

September 27; 10:30-3:30; Flanigan Square, Troy, NY