

Speaker Biographies

“Coping with Fragmented Payment in the Real World”

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James Bentley is a semi-retired health policy analyst who currently works with a number of hospitals on the implications of national health reform for their operations and with state hospital associations on their annual strategic plans. In October 2009, Jim Bentley concluded 18 years at the American Hospital Association where he was responsible for strategic policy planning. Before joining the AHA, Jim spent 15 years with the Association of American Medical Colleges. He is currently a member of the national Board of Directors for Trinity Health of Novi, Michigan--a multi-hospital, Catholic health system with facilities from Maryland to California. Jim earned his B.A. in Health Facilities Management from Michigan State University and his Ph.D. in Medical Care Organization from the University of Michigan.

John M. Colmers is Vice President, Health Care Transformation and Strategic Planning for Johns Hopkins Medicine. In this capacity, he works with leaders from the Johns Hopkins Health System, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and related organizations to develop and implement a strategic plan consistent with the organization’s tripartite mission of research, education, and patient care and responsive to the new challenges of health reform and more value-demanding health marketplace. From January 2007 to January 2011 he served as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and was responsible for a broad range of programs including Medicaid, public health, behavioral health, state health facilities, and regulatory oversight. From November 2000 through January 2007, Mr. Colmers was a Senior Program Officer for the Milbank Memorial Fund. Prior to that, he spent 19 years in Maryland State government where he held various positions, including executive director of the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) and the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), the agency overseeing Maryland’s all-payer hospital rate setting system. Governor O’Malley appointed him Chair of the HSCRC in July 2011. Previously, he was a director of CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Chairman of CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. He is currently a member of the Board of Academy Health and also serves on the Commonwealth Fund’s Commission on a High Performance Health System. Mr. Colmers has a BA from the Johns Hopkins University and an MPH from UNC Chapel Hill.

Stuart Guterman is vice president for Payment and System Reform at The Commonwealth Fund and executive director of the Commonwealth Fund’s Commission on a High Performance Health System. The Commission on a High Performance Health System is charged with promoting a high-performing health system that provides all Americans with affordable access to high-quality, safe care while maximizing efficiency in its delivery and administration. The Program on Payment and System Reform supports the analysis and development of payment policy options that include incentives to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery while curbing growth in health spending. Mr. Guterman was director of the Office of Research, Development, and Information at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from 2002 to 2005. Prior to that, he was a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, a principal research associate in the health policy center at the Urban Institute, and deputy director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (and its predecessor, the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission) from 1988 through 1999. Previously, Mr. Guterman was chief of

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institutional studies in the Health Care Financing Administration's Office of Research, where he directed the evaluation of the Medicare Prospective Payment System for inpatient hospital services and other intramural and extramural research on hospital payment. He holds an A.B. in Economics from Rutgers College and an M.A. in Economics from Brown University, and did further work toward the Ph.D. in Economics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Gregory C. Reicks, graduated from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1985. He completed a rotating internship at Humana hospital in West Palm Beach Florida followed by a Family Practice Residency at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville Florida. He later moved to Grand Junction Colorado where he joined Foresight Family Physicians and has practiced general family medicine for the last 21 years. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and a Fellow in the American Academy of Family Practice. Dr. Reicks has served as president of the Mesa County Physicians Independent Practice Association (MCPIPA), a 293-physician multispecialty IPA in Mesa County Colorado for the last 8 years. Dr. Reicks also serves as the Chairman of the Board for the Quality Health Network (QHN), a not-for-profit regional health information exchange that has been operational in Mesa County for 6 years. QHN is one of the first fully operational regional health information exchanges in the nation. In addition, Dr. Reicks serves on the Executive Committee of the Colorado Beacon Consortium (CBC). The Consortium was awarded a \$12 million dollar grant from HHS to participate in a 3 year health care demonstration project in Western Colorado to improve care transitions, care coordination and efficiency within primary care practices through the expansion and more robust use of health information technology and exchange services.

Steven M. Safyer, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Montefiore in New York City. Montefiore is the University Hospital and academic medical center for Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a full-service, integrated delivery system caring for patients from the New York metropolitan region. Dr. Safyer has been at Montefiore since 1982, previously serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. He has been a leader in advancing Montefiore's position as a preeminent, innovative and equitable healthcare system and a strong advocate for delivering excellence to New York City's most vulnerable patient populations. Dr. Safyer was a leader in expanding Montefiore's ambulatory healthcare network and developing innovative business and clinical strategies to provide care management under prepayment arrangements. He is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, founding member of The Health Management Academy and a member of the Healthcare Institute. Dr. Safyer currently serves on several boards and committees and has authored and co-authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Safyer received his Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in Social Medicine at Montefiore. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and a Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine and Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at Einstein.