

Legislative Outlook – What's Ahead for Comparative Effective Research?

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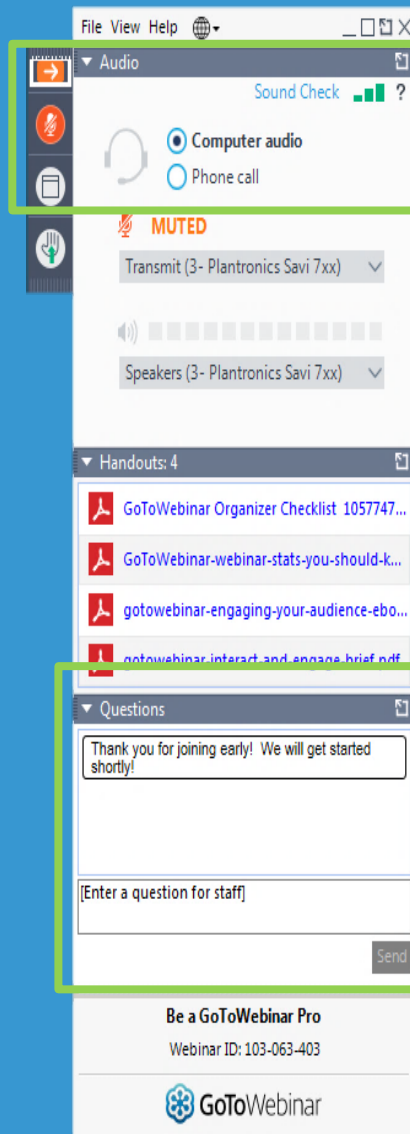
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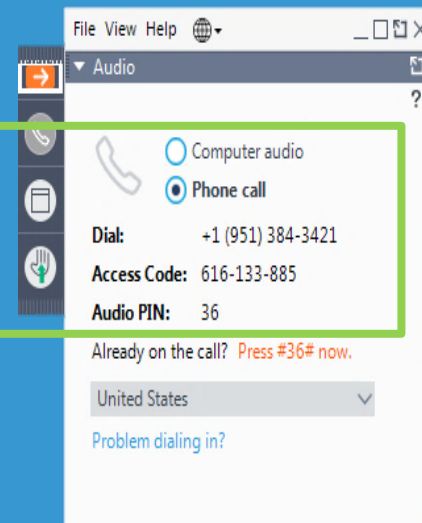
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Agenda

9:30 a.m.– Introduction

9:35 a.m. • Sarah J. Dash, MPH, Alliance for Health Policy

9:35 a.m.– Moderated Discussion with Audience Q&A

10:30 a.m.

- I. Latest Congressional Activity around CER and PCORI
- II. Remaining Reauthorization Items for Congress, and Impact on Different Stakeholders
- III. Intersection with Other Health Policy Conversations
(including cost reduction, the value of care and drugs, and delivery system reform)
- IV. Final Thoughts

10:30 a.m. Conclude

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Reauthorizing PCORI: Background and Status

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Before PCORI

- Several bills funding comparative effectiveness research (CER) were introduced in 2007.
- The Partnership to Improve Patient Care (PIPC) was organized as a coalition led by Tony Coelho in late 2008 to support these efforts.



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Recognizing the Need for CER

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided \$1.1 billion for major expansion of CER.
- ARRA called on the Institute of Medicine to recommend a list of priority topics to be the initial focus of a new national investment in CER.

“The list provides a starting point for what the report says should be a sustained effort to conduct comparative effectiveness research. As this research initiative progresses, the priorities will evolve as well.”

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Overcoming the Politics: The Right

- A few Republicans warned that there's little to stop the federal government from using CER results to average which medications or treatments achieve similar results for less cost.
- When that happens, according to Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), it won't be long before Medicare starts rationing care.



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Overcoming the Politics: The Left

- Establish within AHRQ a Center for Comparative Effectiveness (not independent).
- Allow for cost comparisons.
- Allow for use of cost effectiveness data to be used for coverage decisions.



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How PCORI Became Patient-Centered

- Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) and Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) introduced the Comparative Effectiveness Research Act in 2008, which evolved into the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Act of 2009.
- Passed as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as compromise between right and left.

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Key Patient Protections in PCORI Statute

- Defined CER as comparative clinical effectiveness research;
- Precluded PCORI's research as the sole source of a Medicare coverage decision;
- Banned use of QALY measures by PCORI and in Medicare;
- Made PCORI an independent institute
- Gave 2 seats to patients and 1 to consumer on Board of Governors;
- Patient “needs, outcomes and preferences” and subpopulations to be studied;
- Support for patient and consumer representatives;
- Authority for advisory panels.

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Keeping Distance from Repeal Efforts

- Since 2010, PCORI advocates have worked closely with Congressional allies.
 - Over the years, a House and Senate Republican have unsuccessfully introduced amendments to eliminate PCORI;
- Yet, PCORI was never included in prior reconciliation packages to repeal the ACA.
- PCORI is facing Congressional oversight and heightened scrutiny as part of the reauthorization process because it expires in 2019.

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PCORI Reauthorization 2019

- Expected to be part of a “health extenders” package including other programs that also require reauthorization
- Senators Cassidy (R-LA), Capito (R-WV), Warner (D-VA) and Van Hollen (D-MD) are leading reauthorization efforts in Senate
 - Discussion Draft expected soon
- On July 17, Congresswoman Degette (D-CO) led committee mark-up of House E&C bill [H.R. 2328](#), the “Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence Act”
 - 3 year reauthorization
- On June 26, Congressman Beyer (D-VA) led mark-up of House W&M bill, H.R. 3439, [The Protecting Access to Information for Effective and Necessary Treatment \(PATIENT\) Act of 2019](#)
 - 7 year reauthorization;
 - minor changes to PCORI’s national research priorities to include substance use, mental health, and maternal morbidity and mortality.

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- Co-chaired by PIPC Chairman Tony Coelho (D) and former Congressman Dr. Phil Gingrey (R)
- Purpose to convene a bipartisan, large and growing group of patient/family caregiver, provider, employers/payers, industry, and research stakeholders that have an interest in supporting reauthorization of PCORI in 2019
- 172 Member Organizations
- Letter signed by nearly 170 organizations to House and Senate leaders supporting PCORI reauthorization
 - Reauthorize PCORI and its current funding mechanism for at least an additional 10 years.
 - Ensure PCORI stays true to its mission of patient-centered research by maintaining its mandate to conduct comparative clinical effectiveness research.
- Resources available online for advocates
- **Learn more and join at www.reauthorizePCORI.org!**

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Key Issues

- Representation on Board of Governors
- Length of reauthorization
- Comparative clinical effectiveness research versus cost effectiveness analysis
- Prioritization of high cost treatments
- Dissemination and use of evidence

Latest Congressional Activity



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Remaining Reauthorization Items



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Intersection with Other Health Policy Conversations



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