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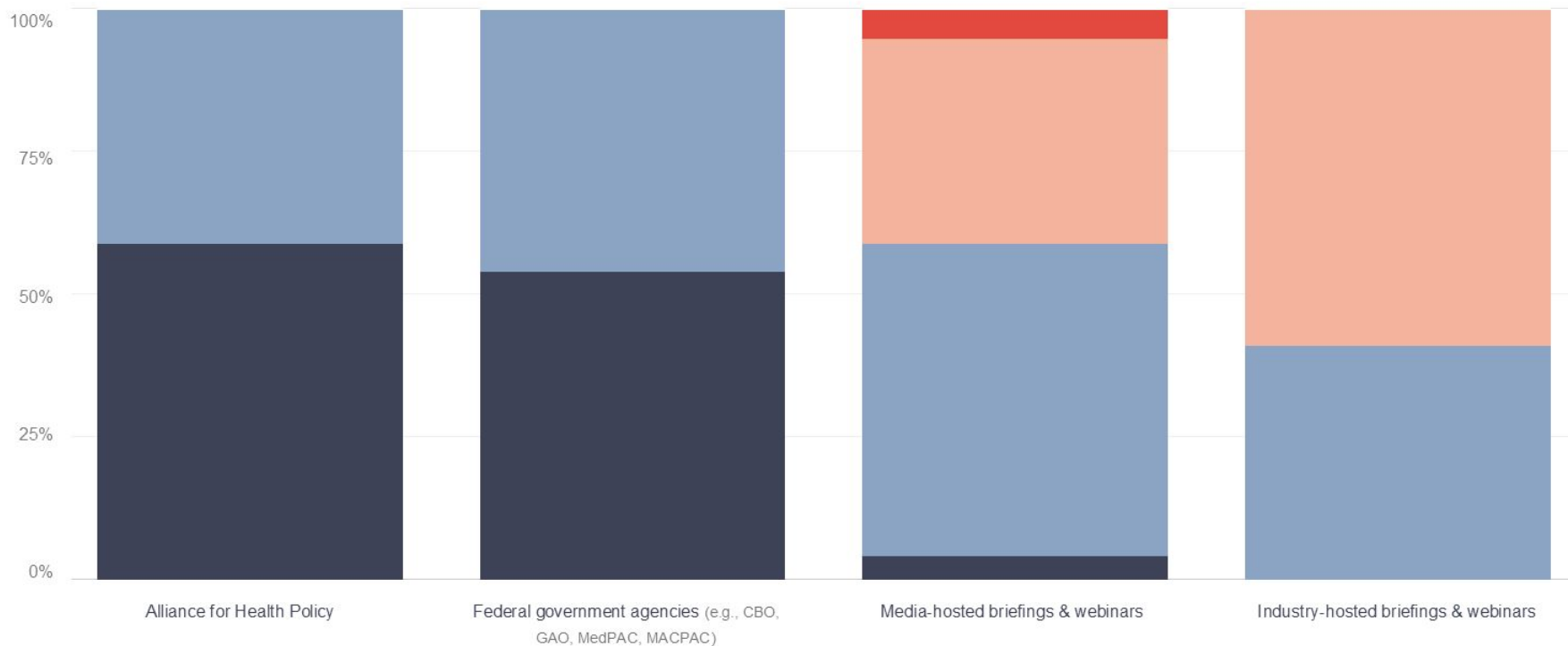
Welcome Remarks



Claire Sheahan, M.Sc.
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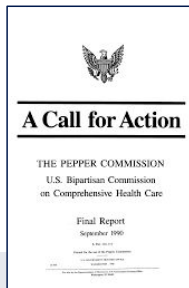
“Congressional staff receive health policy information through a variety of briefings and webinars hosted by different types of organizations. Thinking about your work specifically, how much do you trust the information from each of the following to inform your health policy work?” (*n* = 22)

■ A great deal of trust ■ A fair amount of trust ■ Not too much trust ■ No trust at all ■ Not enough experience to rate



About the Alliance for Health Policy

Educating and Advancing Health Policy



1990

Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care (The Pepper Commission) Chair Senator Jay Rockefeller IV, acknowledges the need for continued, productive bipartisan dialogues at the conclusion of the commission.

Senator Rockefeller (D-WV), joined by Senator John "Jack" Danforth (R-MO), launch the Alliance for Health Reform.



1991



1992

The Alliance for Health Reform hosts its first congressional briefing quickly garnering the trust and attention of the policymaker and health policy community as a leading educational forum.

The organization announces the **Alliance for Health Policy** as the new name and future of the organization.



2017



2025

The Alliance welcomes its inaugural class of fellows for the **Bipartisan Learning Communities Fellowship Program**, bringing together a cohort of 30, bipartisan, bicameral, staffers for a 10-month long fellowship program.



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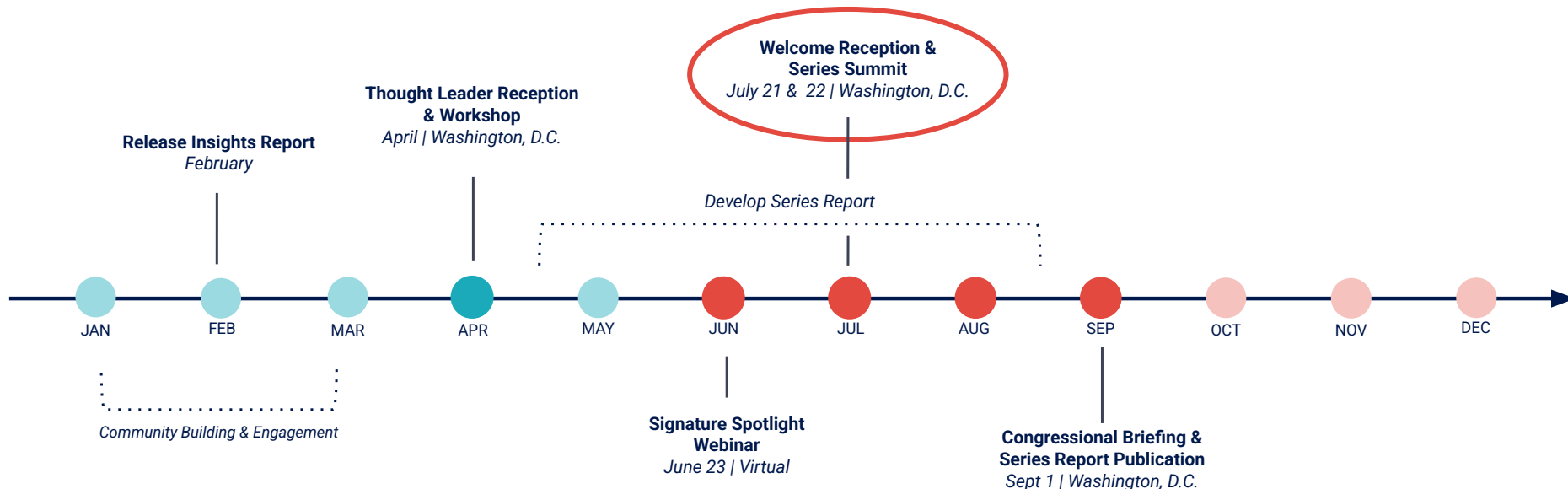


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The Alliance's Listen-First Approach



The Full Day, Start to Finish

SCHEDULE

9:10 – 9:20 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:20 – 9:40 AM	OPENING KEYNOTE - TRANSFORMATIONAL OPPORTUNITY Transforming Care Delivery: Steady Progress to Achieve Bold Goals
9:40 – 10:30 AM	PANEL 1 Think Again: What We Get Wrong About Health Care Payment and Why It Matters
10:30 – 11:20 AM	PANEL 2 What We Learned: CMMI Leaders Reflect on 15+ Years of Payment Policy
11:20 – 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 – 12:05 PM	PANEL 3 Executive Insights: The Practical Impacts of Payment Policy on Incentives, Timing, and Outcomes
12:05 – 1:05 PM	Lunch
1:05 – 1:35 PM	FIRESIDE Whose Experience? Centering Patients in Payment Policy
1:35 – 2:25 PM	PANEL 4 Bright Spots: Payment Innovation That is Working Beyond Washington
2:25 – 2:45 PM	CLOSING KEYNOTE – INCREMENTAL CHANGE The Case for Incremental but Meaningful Change
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Closing Remarks

TODAY'S SPEAKERS: FROM A TO Z



Amanda
Bartelme



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Bassano



Alex
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Blaire
Bryant



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Coombs



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Deo



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Fogarty



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Claire Sheahan

Making the Most of the Day



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Opening Keynote - Transformational Change:

Transforming Care Delivery: Steady Progress to Achieve Bold Goals



Jaewon Ryu, M.D., J.D.
CEO, Risant Health

Transforming Care Delivery: Steady Progress to Achieve Bold Goals

Jaewon Ryu, MD, JD
CEO, Risant Health



Value-based care as a better path

From designing around the health system to designing around our patients



Illustrative impact of value-based care models

Prioritizing within a population leads to earlier diagnosis of cancer

20% relative reduction in rate of Stage IV colon cancer

Focusing on prevention reduces the incidence of worsening disease and complications

33% less likely to die from heart disease

20% less likely to die from cancer

Optimizing capacity provides more timely care, better outcomes, and greater affordability

4-6% relative reduction in specialty referral rates

45% decrease in ED boarding hours

To get there, we need transformational goals
with incremental steps, including investment

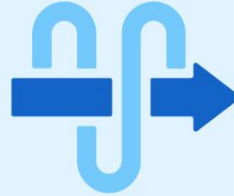
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Transformation Through Steady Progress

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Think Again: What We Get Wrong About Health Care Payment and Why It Matters

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Chief Washington Correspondent, KFF
Health News | *Moderator*



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Senior Vice President of Government
Affairs, National Association of ACOs
(NAACOS)



Alex Brill, M.A.

Senior Fellow, American Enterprise
Institute



Richard L. Gundling, FHFMA, CMA

Senior Vice President, Healthcare
Financial Management Association
(HFMA)



Stephen Parente, Ph.D., M.S., MPH

Associate Dean, Carlson Global Institute,
Professor of Finance and Minnesota
Insurance Industry Chair of Health Finance,
University of Minnesota

What We Learned: CMMI Leaders Reflect on 15+ Years of Payment Policy

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Chief Executive Officer, Accountable
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Pauline Lapin, MHS
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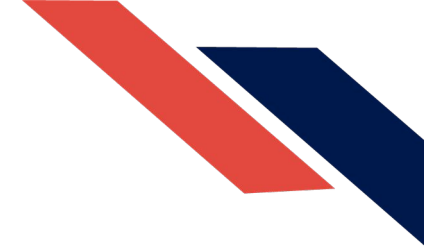
Amanda Bartelme

Executive Director, Policy, Eisai Inc.



Erin Richardson, J.D., M.A.

Senior Vice President, Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.



LOOKING AHEAD

Bipartisan Learning Communities Congressional Fellowship

Now in its second year, the Fellowship invests in emerging health policy leaders on Capitol Hill — deepening their policy knowledge, Hill-specific skills, and cross-party relationships

Meet the 2026 class — 30 Fellows, across 30 congressional offices and both parties

100%

of 2025 Fellows surveyed would recommend the Fellowship to other congressional staff

50 / 50

bipartisan split in the 2026 class

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Fireside Chat: Whose Experience? Centering Patients in Payment Policy

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Bright Spots: Payment Innovation That is Working Beyond Washington

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Melinda Buntin, Ph.D.

Bloomberg Distinguished Professor,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of
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Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D.

Maryland Secretary of Health,
Maryland Department of Health



Darren Fogarty, MEM

Associate Director of Purchaser
Value and Policy, Purchaser Business
Group on Health (PBGH)



Blaire Bryant, MPH

Vice President, Policy and
Advocacy, National Alliance for
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Closing Keynote

The Case for Incremental but Meaningful Change



Dan Mendelson, MPP
CEO, Morgan Health
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Aug 12

**Hill Briefing:
AI & Privacy**
Oct

**Hill Briefing:
Payment**
Oct

**Webinar:
Fraud, Waste
& Abuse**
Oct

**Health
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Forecast +
Reception**
Nov 12

**Cell & Gene
Therapy
Webinar**
Dec

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Bipartisan Learning Communities ·
Fellowship cohort

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