Actuarial Seminar Series

Risk Adjustment Issues in Medicare Payment

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3:30-5:00 pm with reception to follow
Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota
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321 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis

Risk adjustment of payments is becoming an increasingly important issue for Medicare along several dimensions. This presentation will discuss historical risk-adjustment approaches used by Medicare when paying contracting health plans and current issues concerning risk adjustment of payment for Medicare Advantage plans.

Jon Christianson received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. During his career, he has authored ten books and over 200 journal articles and book chapters, been a consultant to numerous private and public sector organizations, and served on several editorial boards. In 1995, he coauthored a paper that received the Annual Research Award of the National Institute for Health Care Management, and in 2007 he chaired AcademyHealth’s annual research meeting. From 1998-2000, Professor Christianson served on the Subcommittee on Maximizing the Value of Health Investments, Committee on Quality of Health Care in America, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and from 2010-2012 he was a member of the IOM’s Geographic Adjustment Factors in Medicare Payment Committee. Currently, he serves on the IOM’s Board on Health Care Services and is Vice-Chair of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Professor Christianson's recent research and teaching have focused on measurement and reporting of provider performance, physician payment arrangements, health care purchasers, and the health insurance industry. He teaches graduate courses on the health care system and on health care purchasers and health insurers.

This seminar is free and open to the public, RSVP is not required.

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