

The SNP Alliance



A National Health Policy Group Initiative Working to Change Policy and Practice for High-Risk Beneficiaries

SNP Alliance Spring Meeting ***“Advancing SNP Policy and Practice in 2010”***

March 29-30, 2010
Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC
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~AGENDA~

Overall Goal: To review and resolve key legislative and regulatory issues and make decisions about how best to optimize SNP viability, given prevailing operational interests, opportunities and concerns.

Meeting Objectives:

1. *Explore options to advance our overall legislative agenda with Congressional Champion.*
2. *Review status of healthcare reform with Congressional staff.*
3. *Refine our SNP legislative agenda, given status of healthcare reform.*
4. *Resolve key regulatory and oversight concerns with CMS executive leadership.*
5. *Work with CMS to fine-tune model of care requirements and resolve disconnects between SNP MOC attestations and methods for evaluating and auditing SNP performance.*
6. *Sharpen our vision for Medicare/Medicaid integration and develop a strategy to advance integration with CMS and States, given current reality.*
7. *Establish comparative performance measures and methods for 2010 Annual Survey.*
8. *Define collaborative efforts to advance SNP performance among Alliance members.*
9. *Refine our payment policy agenda, given anticipated rates, policy and research.*
10. *Resolve a targeted set of issues identified by and of unique importance to D-SNPs, I-SNPs, C-SNPs, and Legacy FIDESNPs.*

Process: As a member-only gathering, we will use a meeting format and work around a hollow-square table on our overall policy agenda for most of the meeting. We will have separate break-out sessions to address affinity groups issues on the second day. We will end the meeting with Hill visits that members will schedule in advance.

SNP Alliance Spring Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2010

- 7:30am – 8:15am** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15am – 8:30am** **Review Agenda and Highlight Key Issues for 2010.**
Rich Bringewatt, NHPG President and Chair, SNP Alliance
- 8:30am – 9:15am** **Conversation with Congressional Champion for Specialty Care** (to be confirmed)
Facilitator - Tracy Spicer, Principle, Avenue Solutions
Conversation with Key Member of Congress
- *We will share our overall vision and long-term interests with Congressional Champion.*
 - *We will engage in a conversation with him about how we can best advance our agenda, and explore roadblocks, opportunities and options for establishing new legislative authority(outside MA) and advancing a more aggressive effort to integrate Medicare and Medicaid...post healthcare reform.*
- 9:15am – 10:00am** **Review status of Healthcare Reform with Congressional Staff**
Facilitator - Valerie Wilbur, NHPG Vice-President and Co-Chair, SNP Alliance. Panel to include:
Rep from Senate Finance Office
Rep from House Ways and Means
Rep from House Energy & Commerce
- *We will ask key Congressional staff to provide us with an update on the current state of healthcare reform, with particular regard for SNP policy provisions; and engage in conversation about the best options for advancing our agenda in 2010.*
- 10:00am – 10:15am** **Break**
- 10:15am – 10:45 am** **Refine our Legislative Agenda given Status of Health Care Reform**
Facilitated discussion -- Valerie Wilbur and Avenue Solutions
- *We will have a general membership discussion on the status of health reform and options for advancing SNP legislation during this Congress. Topics will include health reform “clean-up” based on which SNP provisions are safe or vulnerable, strategy for moving SNPs out of the MA program; next steps in Medicare/Medicaid integration, etc.*

10:45 am – 11:45pm

Resolve Key Regulatory and Oversight Concerns With CMS Executive Leadership

Heidi Arndt, Director, Division of Special Programs, CMS

- We will identify in advance a specific set of regulatory issues for CMS executive leadership, based upon member interests, priorities and concerns. This will include issues related to each SNP type as well as cross cutting issues that are not addressed elsewhere on the agenda.
- We will clarify our concerns, pose recommendations, and explore options for problem resolution with CMS.

11:45pm – 12:45pm

Lunch

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Work With CMS to Fine-tune Model-of-Care Requirements

Rich Bringewatt will facilitate a member/CMS conversation.

- The focus of this session will be to get beyond the details of specific regulatory problems and bring clarity to the *potential* for SNPs in becoming the vehicle of choice in high-risk care and to identify how the existing model-of-care framework helps or hinders that effort.
- Rich Bringewatt will initiate the conversation with a brief global perspective on what SNPs might look like in the future, based upon what we know is of greatest importance in serving special needs individuals, without regard for existing rules and regulations, and based on the SNP Alliance's Gold Standards Framework.
- Selected individual members will, offer additional perspectives on disconnects between beneficiary needs and MOC rules for duals, persons living in institutions, and persons with multiple, complex medical conditions and other special needs individuals across SNP types.
- SNP Alliance members will provide concrete examples of where the existing model of care framework enables or impedes our ability to achieve our vision, focusing on those issues that are MOST important to providing high quality, efficient care over time, e.g. where the model of care must change based on the needs of various SNPs types and specific populations served and where each of the model of care domains or attestations impede or facilitate our goals.
- We will provide CMS leadership and other stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions, offer their own visions for SNPs, and identify their own issues.
- This session is, in part structured around CMS's interest in using this year as an exploratory, fact-finding year to refine and advance a more effective solution to MOC evaluation and oversight. It is important to frame this exploration in the context of SNP potential rather than current SNP reality, which is limited by MA rules and oversight structures that conflict with what's most important in serving a high-risk population.

2:00pm - 3:00pm:

Resolve Some of the Major Disconnects Between the Model of Care Requirements and Methods Used for Auditing and Evaluating SNP Performance.

Rich Bringewatt will facilitate a member/CMS analysis and discussion.

- We will identify in advance a specific set of disconnects between: a) the Model of Care Attestations and Evaluation Protocol, b) the Model of Care Attestations and the NCQA Structure and Process Measures, and c) HEDIS measures and methods used by CMS and States .
- We will review these problems with alignment and offer recommendations for resolution.
- We will also provide recommendations for how CMS might conduct fact-finding sessions in 2010 to best see and understand the various issues and elements of establishing and maintaining specialized care systems for special needs individuals.
- We will engage in conversation with CMS on options for working together to advance specialized managed care methods under the SNP model and options for auditing SNP MOCs

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm – 4:15pm

Sharpen our vision of Medicare/Medicaid Integration and Refine our Strategy to Advance Integration, given Status of Federal and State Efforts.

Rich Bringewatt will facilitate a member/CMS analysis and discussion.

- Members of the Legacy FIDESNP group will offer a proposed endgame for Medicare/Medicaid Integration.
- D-SNP, I-SNP, and C-SNP representatives will identify key barriers for advancing integration under the existing political and regulatory environment.
- The group will identify priority interventions for expediting transformation of care, recognizing that some States simply are not ready, willing or able to advance integration and that partial integration models are stepping stones rather than variations on an endgame.

4:15pm - 5:00pm

Establish Comparative Performance Measures and Methods for 2010 SNP Membership Survey.

Rich Bringewatt, SNP Alliance and Joel Menges, The Lewin Group will present proposed plan for Member Survey and facilitate member discussion.

- We will work with the Lewin Group, in advance of the meeting, to develop a proposed data set and instructions for the 2010 SNP Alliance Annual Survey.
- The proposed survey will be based on input from members through the January survey and conversations with the various SNP Leadership Groups.

- We will review this plan and set of instructions and get input from members on necessary refinements, with an understanding that the Survey instrument and instructions will be sent to members shortly after the meeting.
- We will also discuss options for measuring consumer satisfaction with the SNP model of care, including the possibility of CMS establishing a separate set of CAHPS questions for SNPs and/or other SNP-specific approach to meaningful measurement of consumer satisfaction without creating yet another data collection burden.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

7:30am – 8:30am

Continental Breakfast

8:30am – 9:30am

Define Collaborative Effort to Advance SNP Performance Among Alliance Members

Rich Bringewatt will facilitate member discussion.

- Review a proposal to identify advance practices for safe and effective care transitions and for improving related performance among SNP Alliance members and explore options for implementation.
- Review possibilities for conducting a multi-site, multi-variant analysis for advancing practice around a targeted set of interventions and consider options for implementation.

9:30am – 10:15am

Refine Our Payment Policy Agenda, Given Anticipated Rates, Policy and Research.

Facilitated discussion

- Develop a next-stage strategy for improving risk adjustment, recognizing that our payment strategy is heavily dependent on what happens with healthcare reform.
- Develop a plan to quantify the additional cost of SNP-specific model of care and administrative requirements.
- Address other specific payment issues that arise prior to the meeting.

10:15am – 10:30am

Break

10:30am – 11:45

Affinity Group Breakout Sessions

I-SNP Issues – Facilitated Discussion

- We will identify a preliminary set of issues in advance of the meeting for possible discussion.
- Other issues emanating from the meeting also may be discussed.

D-SNP Issues – Facilitated Discussion

- We will identify a preliminary set of issues in advance of the meeting for possible discussion.
- Other issues emanating from the meeting also may be discussed.

FIDESNP Issues – Facilitated Discussion

- We will identify a preliminary set of issues in advance of the meeting for possible discussion.
- Other issues emanating from the meeting also may be discussed.

C-SNP Issues – Facilitated Discussion

- We will identify a preliminary set of issues in advance of the meeting for possible discussion.
- Other issues emanating from the meeting also may be discussed.

11:45am – 12:30pm

Lunch and Preparation for Hill Visits

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Hill Visits

- Members will spend the afternoon in meetings with Members of Congress and their staff. During this session we will share material, review talking points, and discuss strategies for advancing our policy agenda.
- Members are responsible for setting up their own meetings with their Members of Congress, although we will assist members in arranging for meetings in advance, at their request.

Hill Debriefing

April 2, 2010 – 11:00am Eastern

Findings from Hill visits will be shared on the April Monthly Membership Call following the Spring Meeting.