Welcome to PINNACLE Network Webinars!

All-Member Year-End Webinar
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Thank you for joining us this evening!

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• Help members understand critical issues facing cardiology
• Update members on critical advocacy issues in 2012
• Explain what the ACC is doing to address these issues
• Encourage members to contact Congress immediately to prevent SGR cuts

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction

• Committee tasked with coming up with recommendations for $1.2 trillion in savings
• Announced failure on November 21
• By law, OMB must issue automatic cuts of $1.2 trillion evenly between Security and Non-Security spending beginning in January 2013
• Under sequestration, Medicare/Medicaid benefits are exempt from cuts
Deficit Committee, Continued

- Sequestration cuts would largely impact Medicare providers and cannot exceed 2%
- Expect intense efforts to modify the impact of the cuts
- President Obama has promised to veto any legislation that circumvents the scheduled sequestration cuts

Looming SGR Payment Cuts

If you think economic tools change physician habits, consider the SGR
**SGR**

- Congress has four weeks to stop the 27.4% Medicare physician payment cut set to take effect Jan 1 2012
- Right now it is unclear when or how exactly Congress will address the cut
- CBO estimates 1 year SGR freeze costs $21 billion, 2 year $38.6 billion. Figures do not include updates
- Lawmakers need to hear from you
- After this webinar, contact your lawmakers and urge them to act immediately to address the SGR

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**Whack-a-Mole Acute Issues**

- Imaging
- NIH
- MO
- CER
- Single dose
- TC
- MD
- Maryland
- PCI
- RUC
- FOCUS
- DE
- RBMs
- Test substitution

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Critical Advocacy Issues in 2012

- 2% sequestration cut
- E-prescribing
- PQRS
- Meaningful Use
- Coding changes
- CMS pre-payment audits in FL and 10 states
- Imaging
- PCI
- Supreme Court issues-individual mandate and expansion of Medicaid

“Day of Reckoning”
Long Term Solutions
PUBLIC NOTICE


— “Have a Nice Day” —

Is it any wonder why we are the only industrialized nation without universal healthcare?
Health care is the primary driver of future federal spending

Federal revenues and noninterest spending CBO’s extended-baseline scenario
Percentage of GDP

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office, Long-Term Budget Outlook, Figure 1-1, June 2009
What Direction Will Healthcare Take?

“We basically have two economic health care options: we can cut care; or we can improve care”

Berwick
Payment Innovations: What’s in Store for the Future

(www.cardiosource.org/paymentinnovations)
Question & Answer Session

For additional questions after the close of this session, email advocate@acc.org.

ACC Advocacy: Creating Change

“We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate”

Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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SGR Grassroots Action

• Message to Congress:
  • Continued short-term interventions are creating instability in physician practices and are jeopardizing seniors’ access to care
  • Failure to act now results in significantly higher cost in the future ($300 billion now vs. $600 billion in 2016)
  • Long-term solution and payment reform are necessary for stability and sustainability

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