

9:45 - 10:45 Panel I: Federal Government Initiatives to Improve Health Care Delivery through Collaboration among Health Care Providers

This panel features speakers who will describe government initiatives to promote health care delivery through collaboration among health care providers that may be relevant to the concept of clinical integration and may have the potential for application beyond government programs. The session will include a discussion of, among other things, CMS's ongoing demonstration project, "The Physician Hospital Collaboration Demonstration," which is intended to determine if

11:00- 12:15 Panel II: Private Initiatives to Improve Health Care Delivery through Collaboration among Health Care Providers

This panel will describe initiatives private parties are currently undertaking to improve health care delivery through collaboration among health care providers. Topics of discussion will include the kinds of collective activities that parties are pursuing, the goals the collective activities are designed to achieve, the infrastructure and investment required to achieve these goals, the obstacles the collaborations have faced, the mechanisms and incentives put in place to increase compliance, and the approach programs use to measure success. Panelists will also be asked to discuss how joint contracting with payers contributes to their program’s ability to accomplish its clinical goals, and whether “exclusivity” (that is, an agreement that participants contract exclusively through the group) is necessary for the program to be successful.

Moderator: Joshua H. Soven, Chief, Litigation I Section, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice

Panelists

1:45 - 2:45 Panel III: Payer Perspectives on Initiatives to Improve Health Care Delivery through Collaboration among Health Care Providers

This panel will discuss actual experiences that employers, health plans, and other purchasers have had working with health care providers offering programs to improve health care delivery through collaboration among the providers. Participants in this session will be asked to address, among other things, the extent to which provider collaborations that involve clinical, but not financial, integration meet the needs of employers, health plans, and consumers.

Moderator: David P. Wales, Jr., Deputy Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission

Panelists: Kenneth T. Bowden II, Senior Counsel, CIGNA

Gregory Goggans, Director of Benefit Design, Wal-Mart

Douglas W. Emery, Operations Manager, Prometheus Payment Inc.

2:45 - 3:00 Break

4:15 - 5:30 **Panel V: Wrap-Up Session**