



2009 Bipartisan Health Policy Retreat For Senior Congressional Staff

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel -- Baltimore, MD
Friday, February 20, 2009

AGENDA

Note: Senior Congressional respondents will follow speaker presentations in each session.

7:45 am Registration/Coffee and Bagels
Maryland Foyer (5th floor)

8:15 am **WELCOME**
Maryland Ballroom B&C (5th Floor)
Sister Carol Keehan, *Catholic Health Association*
Karen Davis, *The Commonwealth Fund*
Patricia Maryland, *Alliance for Health Reform*

8:30 am **MAKING A CONNECTOR WORK**
Maryland Ballroom B&C (5th Floor)

Moderator: Reed Tuckson, *UnitedHealth Group*

Speakers: John Bertko, *Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at Brookings Institution*
Jon Kingsdale, *Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority*

Discussants: John McDonough (Sen. Kennedy – D)
Charles Clapton (Senate HELP – R)

9:45 am Break

10:00 am **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A “PUBLIC OPTION” FAIR TO ALL?**
Maryland Ballroom B&C (5th Floor)

Moderator: Ed Howard, *Alliance for Health Reform*

Speakers: Karen Davis, *The Commonwealth Fund*
Karen Ignagni, *America’s Health Insurance Plans*

Discussants: Elizabeth Fowler (Senate Finance – D)

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11:15 am **POTENTIAL CHANGES IN TAX TREATMENT**
Maryland Ballroom B&C (5th Floor)

Moderator: Stephen Schoenbaum, *The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers: Katherine Baicker, *Harvard University*
Thomas Buchmueller, *University of Michigan*

12:30 pm **LUNCH**
Watertable Ballroom (5th floor)

1:15 pm **BENDING THE COST/VALUE CURVE**
Maryland Ballroom B&C (5th Floor)

Moderator: Sister Carol Keehan, *Catholic Health Association*

Speakers: Cathy Schoen, *The Commonwealth Fund*
James Mongan, *Partners HealthCare*
Richard Umbdenstock, *American Hospital Association*

Discussants: Purva Rawal (Senate Budget – D)

2:30 pm **LEARNING FROM MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORM**
Maryland Ballroom B&C (5th Floor)

Moderator: Stuart Guterman, *The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers: Gail Wilensky, *Project HOPE*
Robert Berenson, *The Urban Institute*

Discussants: Timothy Gronniger (House E&C – D)