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)

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