

AGENDA

Workshop on Developing a Measure of Medical Care Economic Risk

September 8, 2011

8:30–9:15am

OPENING SESSION

Welcome and Call to Order

Michael O’Grady,
NORC Chair

Welcoming Remarks on Behalf of the National Academies

Connie Citro,
CNSTAT, DBASSE

Sponsor’s Perspectives

Don Oellerich, ASPE

Context for the Workshop—The New Supplemental Poverty Measure

Kathleen Short, Census Bureau

9:15–10:45am

SESSION ONE

Moderator:
David Betson, University of Notre Dame

Measuring Medical Care Economic Risk—
What is the concept? Why do we need it? What are the criteria for a useful measure? How do we measure adverse medical event risk? How do we measure subsequent economic hardship? Pros and cons of retrospective and prospective measures.

Overview of the background paper by Sarah Meier and Barbara Wolfe—A conceptual framework for measuring medical care economic risk.

Presenter
Barbara Wolfe and Sarah Meier, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Discussants

Pamela Short, Penn State University
Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution
Richard Bavier, Retired from OMB

Floor Discussion and Comments

10:45–11:00am

Coffee Break

11:00am–12:30pm

SESSION TWO

Moderator
Wilhelmine Miller,
NORC

Issues in the Development of Thresholds—

Should thresholds vary for different population groups? How to capture variability of risk across populations including geographic variations in exposure to medical care economic risk; and vulnerability of population groups by insurance status, age, income, chronic health conditions; how to update the thresholds?

Tracking geographic variations in exposure to medical care economic risk—moving beyond one national estimate.

Presenters
Sara Collins, Commonwealth Fund

Trends in persistent financial burden of medical out-of-pocket expenditures resulting from chronic health conditions.

Peter Cunningham,
Center for Studying
Health System Change

Trends in insurance coverage—insured and uninsured—and their impact on medical out-of-pocket expenses, including insurance premiums.

Gary Claxton, Kaiser
Family Foundation

Discussant

James Ziliak, Director,
University of Kentucky
Center for Poverty Research

Floor Discussion and Comments

12:30–1:15pm

Working Lunch

1:15–2:45pm

SESSION THREE

Moderator
Cathy Schoen, Commonwealth Fund

Issues in Defining Resources—*What is included in income in determining medical care economic risk in terms of ability to pay for insurance and for medical out-of-pocket expenses. How to treat assets in addition to income; what constitutes income for the self-employed? How do the elderly and other groups finance medical care?*

Overview of background paper by Jessica Banthin and Didem Bernard: Using Income and Asset Data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, Assess the Distribution of Resources and Different Ways of Measuring Resources Available to Retired, Self-employed, and Employed Families for Medical Expenses, including Insurance Premiums.

Presenters
Jessica Banthin, CBO

Changes over time on how the elderly finance medical care – findings from the Health and Retirement Study.

Michael Hurd, RAND

Financial burden of medical care among the elderly in transitioning to long-term care

Eric Stallard, Duke University

Discussant

Marilyn Moon, AIR

Floor Discussion and Comments

2:45–3:00pm

Coffee Break

3:00–4:00pm

SESSION FOUR

Moderator
Emmett Keeler, UCLA

Implementation Issues—*What data are available now? What relevant data will become available under health care reform? What data quality concerns are there? What about timeliness? Can the medical care risk index be released at the same time as the Supplemental Poverty Measure?*

Overview of background paper, *Measuring Medical Care Economic Risk: An Assessment of Data Sources*

Presenter(s)
John Czajka,
Mathematica Policy Research

Floor Discussion and Comments

4:00–5:00pm

SESSION FIVE

Moderator

Michael O’Grady

Recap of Issues, Needed Research, and Potential Solutions for Developing a Measure of Medical Care Economic Risk

Panel of three key participants will lead off the discussion

Pamela Short

Sara Collins

James Ziliak

Followed by Floor Discussion and Comments

5:00–5:15pm

Closing Remarks

Connie Citro

Michael O’Grady

5:15pm

Adjourn

Presenters

Jessica S. Banthin is a senior advisor in the Health and Human Resources Division of the Congressional Budget Office.

Richard Bavier is retired from the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Gary Burtless is senior fellow, Economic Studies, The John C. and Nancy D. Whitehead Chair at the Brookings Institution.

Constance F. Citro is director of the Committee on National Statistics in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education, National Research Council.

Gary Claxton is vice president and director, Health Care Marketplace Project at Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Sara Collins is vice president, Affordable Health Insurance at the Commonwealth Fund.

Peter Cunningham is senior fellow and Director of Quantitative Research at the Center for Studying Health Systems Change.

John Czajka is senior fellow at Mathematica Policy Research in Washington, DC.

Michael Hurd is senior economist and director, RAND Center for the Study of Aging, RAND Corporation.

Emmett Keeler is senior mathematician and professor of health services, Pardee RAND Graduate School at the UCLA School of Public Health.

Sara Meier is a Ph.D. student, Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Wilhelmine Miller is senior fellow at the National Opinion Research Center.

Marilyn Moon is senior vicepresident and director, Health Programs at the American Institutes for Research.

Donald T. Oellerich is deputy chief economist, Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Cathy Schoen is senior vicepresident for Research, Policy and Evaluation at the Commonwealth Fund.

Kathleen F. Short is senior research economist, Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division at the U.S. Census Bureau.

Pamela Farley Short is professor of Health Policy and Administration and director of the Center for Health Care and Policy Research at the Pennsylvania State University

P.J. Eric Stallard is a research professor in the Department of Sociology, and associate director of the Center for Population Health and Aging, in the Duke Population Research Institute, at Duke University.

Barbara Wolfe is professor of economics, population health services, and public affairs, and Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

James Ziliak is Carol Martin Gatton Chair in Microeconomics and Director, Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky.