

Report on Conferences Sponsored by CMS for Fiscal Year 2015

Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ), Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

Quality Conference: "A Path Forward: Joining Together to Take Quality Further"

Dates: 10/28/14 – 10/30/14

Venue, City, State or Country: Baltimore Waterfront Marriott, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This conference represents the deepest and widest gathering of health care quality leaders assembled by the Federal government. With a high emphasis on learning and spreading of effective ideas for improving health care quality for Medicare, and now Medicaid through this joint sponsorship with CMCS, the conference brings together high-level policy makers, providers, contractors and grantees, passionate about the quality of care, enabling a forum to share and spread improvement techniques to reduce harm and improve delivery of care methods.

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,210,052

Total Attendees: 1300

Total Feds on Travel: 270

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 500

Center for Medicare (CM)

CMS Security Control Oversight and Update Training (CSCOUT)

Dates: 2/3/15 – 2/5/15 & 8/4/15 – 8/6/15

Venue, City, State or Country: Addison Marriott, Dallas, TX and Sheraton, Towson, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: CMS is responsible for processing billions of Medicare claims that contain personal information for millions of Medicare beneficiaries. Protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability (CIA) of the information is critical to the success of the program. The attendees all have responsibility to implement, operate or evaluate the controls that ensure the CIA of the information. These two events allow all the attendees to hear the same information and to ask questions to help increase and maintain a consistently high level of information system security. Average cost per event \$196,705.

Total Estimated Cost: \$393,410

Total Attendees: 420

Total Feds on Travel: 60

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 233

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

State Innovation Model (SIM) Conference

Dates: 4/22/15 – 4/23/15

Venue, City, State or Country: Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The mission of SIM is to test state governments' ability to acceleration transformation, and this convening provides the SIM Team and awardees the opportunity to gain insight into successful strategies for transforming the health care delivery and payment systems in SIM states. Information gleaned from this convening could serve to inform SIM programmatic decisions and also to inform the type/modality of technical assistance the SIM Team offers SIM awardees.

Total Estimated Cost: \$156,799

Total Attendees: 281

Total Feds on Travel: 0

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 126

Annual Face-to-Face Meeting for Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACOs)

Dates: 5/7/15 - 5/8/15

Venue, City, State or Country: Sheraton-Pentagon City, Arlington, VA

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The conference directly supports the mission Seamless care Model Group by providing the Pioneer ACOs with a forum to share strategies and discuss innovations for improving care coordination and population health to advance the field of accountable care. In addition, the event will enable SCMG to deliver guidance on programmatic and policy issues to the Pioneer ACOs.

Total Estimated Cost: \$131,098

Total Attendees: 140

Total Feds on Travel: 20

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 13

Center for Program Integrity (CPI)/Medicaid Integrity Group (MIG)

Medicaid Integrity Institute (MII): Training Courses

Dates: 10/1/14 – 9/30/15

Venue, City, State or Country: National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The MII is one of the primary means by which the Medicaid Integrity Program provided support and technical assistance to states. This was accomplished through training, the issuance of program and policy updates regarding Medicaid program integrity to the State Program Integrity Directors and other key stakeholders. State Medicaid program integrity staff and stakeholders were able to engage CMS and other Program Integrity faculty as well as network with other states. The totals shown reflect all 23 training events that were held in FY 2015.

Average cost per event is \$175,894.

Total Estimated Cost: \$4,045,584

Total Attendees: 1492

Total Feds on Travel: 92

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 1400

Office of Financial Management (OFM)

Medical Review Operational Meeting

Dates: 6/9/15 – 6/11/15

Venue, City, State or Country: CMS Central Office/Grand Auditorium, Woodlawn, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This is an annual meeting whose attendees include CMS staff and the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). Other contractors, Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPICs), Recovery Auditors (RAs), Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT), Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs), and Qualified Independent Contractors (QICs) may attend. Attendance at this conference is required by the Statement of Work (SOW) for the A/B and the Durable Medical Equipment MACs. The MACs staff includes the Contractor Medical Directors (CMDs), Medical Review Managers and appropriate staff members.

Total Estimated Cost: \$186,965

Total Attendees: 225

Total Feds on Travel: 4

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 175