
Consumer and Patient Affinity Group Leadership Committee Teleconference

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Public Summary

Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions:

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Alliance to Modernize Healthcare (CAMH) Project Leader Anne Gauthier opened this planning meeting of the [Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network's](#) (LAN) Leadership Committee for the [Consumer and Patient Affinity Group](#) (CPAG). She introduced Mark Smith co-chair of the LAN Guiding Committee (GC).

Dr. Smith reviewed the mission of the LAN, the activities of the GC, and the progress of individual work groups. He explained that the LAN seeks to move as quickly as possible to develop alignment around alternative payment models (APMs). He stressed the importance of ensuring that the voice of consumers and patients helps shape the work on value-based payment reform strategies. Dr. Smith emphasized that affinity group members are invited to become involved in diverse activities to help improve LAN products and recommendations.

Purpose of Consumer and Patient Affinity Group and Role of the Leadership Committee:

The CPAG is a forum to engage consumer and patient groups. It will:

- Enable the groups to provide important perspectives and insights to the GC and Work Groups on the priorities and impact of APMs for patients and consumers;
- Enable them to comment on GC and Work Group products;
- Provide opportunities to inform and educate groups about the LAN, APMs, and efforts to transition to a value-based delivery system; and
- Identify consumer and patient advocates and experts to inform the LAN.

Ultimately, it is vital that consumers and patients understand, contribute to, and support the movement toward care based on quality and value. The CPAG will bring the perspectives, insights, and priorities that are important to patients and consumers. The members discussed the purpose and goals of the CPAG, and the various ways that it could provide guidance to the GC.

Immediate Priorities and Other Potential Activities:

A GC member led the members in a discussion about the immediate priorities for the CPAG as well as other activities that it might undertake, for example:

- Provide comments on the draft APM Framework and Progress Tracking (APM FPT) Work Group's White Paper;
- Develop a set of principles reflecting the needs and interests of consumers and patients that can be shared with the GC and work groups to help shape their work;

- Engage the larger Patient and Consumer Affinity Group as it is stood up;
- Provide input into quality measures that matter to consumers and patients; and
- Facilitate research to learn consumers' and patients' attitudes and interests to inform the work on payment reform and improving care.

The members discussed inviting a health-equity group to participate in CPAG Leadership Committee and how best to promote the creation, development, and testing of measures that would be helpful for patients and families.

Next Steps:

The Leadership Committee members should:

- Submit revisions for the draft affinity group purpose statement.
- Encourage their members to provide comments on the draft APM Framework White Paper and provide comments themselves.
- Submit feedback related to adding a Health Equity Group to the Leadership Committee.

The CAMH team will:

- Schedule regular monthly calls.
- Set up a dedicated online discussion group on Handshake.
- Set up a process for regular distribution of information to Leadership Committee members and ultimately to the larger CPAG.

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