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LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE

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THE NEW ENVIRONMENT IN HEALTH POLICY

- Democrats vs Republicans
- Medicare expenditures slowing
- COPD Readmissions
- Ongoing Issues
- Pulmonary Medicine Health Policy Summit
The vitriol is very real
Even “leaders” want others to lead
Political maps (Congressional districts) make 90+% of districts “safe”
• August 2010 CBO projection
  — $6.5 trillion 2012-2020
• Most recent CBO projection
  — $6.1 trillion 2012-2020
  (exceeds $300B in savings)
  — Economy
  — ACA
  — ??

• Political will to tinker diminishing
COPD READMISSIONS

- Likely to be implemented in one of next two cycles
- Heavy penalties to hospitals
- Medicare creates baseline for each hospital based on historical data
- “Dinging” the hospitals easier than “dinging” the physician who manages the patient
COPD READMISSIONS (CONT’D)

• Capitated systems have notably greater leverage
• Some institutions okay with financial hit
• Clinical considerations
  – COPD vs other diagnoses
  – Multiple co-morbidities
  – Patient compliance with plan of care
  – Role of remote monitoring, call centers, etc.
ONGOING ISSUES

- COPD Readmissions
- Home trachs
- Competitive bidding
  - Oxygen, Sleep, Nebulizers, Part B drugs
- Audits, documentation
  - Pulm rehab
    - Supervision
    - DME
      - Physician notes, EMR, look back, etc.
- $$ for pulmonary rehab
INTERACTIVE QUESTION # 1

• Considering a list of issues, where should NAMDRC focus its attention?

  1. COPD readmissions
  2. Shifting landscape of payment models
  3. Payment for pulmonary rehab
  4. Audits, documentation, EMR issues
Joint effort of NAMDRC, ACCP, ATS, AARC, NHOPA, COPD Foundation

- Address issues all societies agree can be addressed by legislative and/or regulatory actions

- Address issues unique to pulmonary

  - (NOT addressing SGR)

Overlap understandable, unavoidable
SUMMIT ISSUES

• EHR/EMR, Documentation, Audits
• Telehealth/Telemedicine
• Oxygen Payment Reform
• PQRS, P4P, Value Based Purchasing
• COPD Research
FORMAT OF CONFERENCE

- Two days of discussion on the five identified issues
- Participation of societies + policymakers and corporate interests
- Behind closed doors attempt to create roadmap(s) for action
- Hopefully embraced by all societies, and published
INTERACTIVE QUESTION #2

• **IF** NAMDRC could eliminate one recurring headache, it would be:

  1. The unknowns associated with SGR
  2. The shift away from fee-for-service medicine
  3. Overnight/weekend coverage
  4. Not enough time in the day to do what needs to be done