

January Reimbursement Forum – 1/15/09 10:20-12:00

“Health Care Reform: “Where are we now?”

Overview

Since the enactment of Medicare and Medicaid, federal health care reform dealing with this many substantive issues and involving this level of potential expanded coverage has never come this far in the legislative process. The competing Senate and House health care reform bills have significant differences that must be worked out through the reconciliation process such as provision for how to pay for expanded coverage, the manner and timing of expanded coverage, the public option issue, cuts in reimbursements and much more. The margins for holding together an approving majority, particularly in the Senate, are razor thin. This session is designed for any health care professional interested in understanding the key provisions in both the Senate and House health care reform bills, an analysis of the legislative process remaining and some of the key issues to be addressed in the process.

Learning Objectives

- Understanding of the current state - health care reform
- Comparison of key provisions – Senate vs. House bills
- Understanding of the key provisions applicable to hospitals and other health care providers
- Discussion of the significant issues and obstacles remaining before passage

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