

## Medicare Advantage: Rethinking Payer-Provider Relationships to Advance Health

Hopkins Bloomberg Center, The Kenney Link (Room 426), Washington, DC

April 30, 2026

### 8:00 Light Breakfast & Coffee

**8:45 Welcome Remarks:** Daniel Polsky (*Director, Hopkins Business of Health Initiative; Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, Johns Hopkins University*)

**8:50 Panel 1:** Medicare Advantage (MA) and the Payer-Provider Relationship: Considering the Evidence

- Gretchen Jacobson (*Vice President of Medicare, The Commonwealth Fund; Associate Faculty, Johns Hopkins University*)
- David Meyers (*Associate Professor, Brown University*)
- Boris Vabson (*Senior Advisor, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*)

**Moderator:** Melinda Buntin (*Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, Johns Hopkins University*)

**9:50 Panel 2:** How Provider Organizations and Health Systems are Shaping the Future of MA

- Susan Dentzer (*President and CEO, America's Physician Groups*)
- Kevin Sowers (*President, Johns Hopkins Health System; Executive Vice President, Johns Hopkins Medicine*)
- Thomas C. Tsai (*Associate Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School and Health Policy and Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Medical Director for Health Policy Research, American College of Surgeons*)

**Moderator:** Amit Jain (*Vice President of Care Transformation, Johns Hopkins Medicine; Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Neurosurgery, and Business, Johns Hopkins University*)

### 10:50 Break

**11:05 Panel 3:** How Payers are Shaping the Future of MA

- Michael Bagel (*Vice President, Policy, Alliance of Community Health Plans*)
- Michael Carson (*Group President, Medicare and Specialty Business, Wellcare, Centene*)
- Kate Goodrich (*Executive in Residence, Optum*)

**Moderator:** Liz Fowler (*Bloomberg Distinguished Scholar, Johns Hopkins University*)

### 12:05 Lunch

**12:50 Panel 4:** Reactions to the Morning's Conversations

- Doug Holtz-Eakin (*President, American Action Forum*)
- Mark E. Miller (*Executive Vice President of Health Care, Arnold Ventures*)

**Moderator:** Paul Jacobs (*Director of Modeling, Center for Health Systems and Policy Modeling, Johns Hopkins University*)

**1:30 Keynote: Vision for the Future of MA from the Current Administration**

Dr. Mehmet Oz (*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*)

**2:00 Lightning Round Presentations and Table Discussions:**

Spotlight on Real-World Solutions & Innovations Across the MA Payer-Provider Landscape

**How this will work:** 30 minutes for presentations. Each table will be assigned one of the six topics. 30-minute table discussions follow. Concludes with a 10-minute share-out.

- Aneesh Chopra (*Former U.S. Chief Technology Officer, Chair, Arcadia Institute*)
- Diane Archer (*President, Just Care USA*)
- Sunil Budhrani (*Chief Innovation and Medical Officer, Judi Health*)
- Misha Segal (*Senior Policy and Strategy Director, L&M Policy Research*)
- Ashish V. Shah (*Co-Founder & CEO, Dina*)
- Laura Keohane (*Associate Professor, Health Policy, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine*)

**Moderator:** Kali Thomas (*Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Professor of Aging and Community Health, Johns Hopkins University*)

**3:10 Break**

**3:30 Panel 5:** Where Does MA Go From Here?

- Marisa Salemme (*Senior Health Policy Advisor for the Minority Staff on the Senate Finance Committee; formerly Health Policy Advisor for Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)*)
- Gable Brady (*Health Policy Advisor for House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA); formerly Senior Policy Advisor for the Majority Staff on the Senate Finance Committee*)

**Moderator:** Cybele Bjorklund (*Vice President of Federal Strategy and Executive Director, Hopkins Bloomberg Center*)

**4:30 Closing Remarks**

**4:45 Networking Hour** (*The Kenney Link, Room 426*)