

# Report on Conferences Sponsored by CMS for Fiscal Year 2024

## Office Of Program Operations & Local Engagement (OPOLE)

### **Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Equipment and Supplies Coordination Meeting (DMEPOS)**

**Dates:** 10/11/2023 - 10/12/2023

**Venue, City, State or Country:** CMS Headquarters, Woodlawn, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Coordination Meetings (DCMs) brought together parties charged with ensuring the integrity of the Medicare Fee for Service (FFS) DMEPOS benefit. The DCMs focused on data analysis findings, medical review and program integrity activities. The purpose of this conference was to discuss CMS priorities and share progress in the Program Integrity initiatives of the DMEPOS benefit within the Medicare FFS Program. Participants included: DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACS), Unified Program Integrity Contractors, National Provider Enrollment Contractors; Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding contractor, MEDIC and I-MEDIC Contractors.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$112,039

**Total Attendees:** 181

**Total Feds on Travel:** 1

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 98

## Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

### **Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network (LAN) Annual Summit**

**Dates:** 10/30/2023 - 10/30/2023

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington, DC

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of the LAN Summit was to foster collaboration and engagement among payers/purchasers (including CMS), providers, consumers, and other health care industry stakeholders to improve care and contain costs. The Summit involved public and private stakeholders who shared information about their experiences implementing alternative payment and accountable care arrangements so that best practices could be disseminated more broadly. The LAN Summit also offered an essential venue to discuss the testing alternative payment models, including incentives and metrics, to improve quality and lower costs. The LAN Summit has proven to be an effective collaboration platform since the first summit in 2015. The 2023 Summit demonstrated the ways the health care system can implement features of accountable care, ranging from initial actions by stakeholders early in the adoption process, to those who have the most advanced achievement of elements of the accountable care curve.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$638,397

**Total Attendees:** 1,024

**Total Feds on Travel:** 28

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 23

## Center for Medicare (CM)

### **CMS Security Control Oversight and Update Training (CSCOUT)**

**Dates:** 02/20/2024 - 02/22/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Double Tree by Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** CSCOUT is a CMS sponsored information security training event that was open to all CMS staff and CMS contractors with information security responsibilities. The purpose of CSCOUT was to provide information and direction on agency-wide system security implementation, privacy and oversight issues, and to address questions and concerns regarding new and existing system security and privacy requirements.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$192,576

**Total Attendees:** 137

**Total Feds on Travel:** 11

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 85

## Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)

### Quality Conference

**Dates:** 04/08/2024 - 04/10/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** CMS' annual Quality Conference brought together national healthcare leadership from across CMS, various agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services, quality improvement experts, and other key public and private stakeholder organizations to foster collaboration and discuss novel directions for health care quality improvement from local, state, and national perspectives. For more than 20 years this free conference has provided CMS a platform and an opportunity to align various Quality Networks with the CMS Vision, transfer knowledge on quality improvement efforts, and carry out other agency initiatives pertinent to the CMS quality portfolio. The conference provided the CMS Administrator with a broad-sweeping opportunity to communicate and carry out the CMS vision nationwide.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$3,703,332

**Total Attendees:** 3,500

**Total Feds on Travel:** 171

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 900

## Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)

### State Executive Training Institute (SETI)/State Agency Director Orientation Course (SADOC)

**Dates:** 04/22/2024 - 04/26/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** Survey Executives Training Institute (SETI) is an annual training required for State Survey Agency Directors. State Agency Director Orientation Course (SADOC) is an orientation for new directors to prepare State Agency Directors for continued success in their role.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$188,786

**Total Attendees:** 319

**Total Feds on Travel:** 54

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 0

## Center for Program Integrity (CPI)

### Medicaid Integrity Institute (MII) Course

**Dates:** 04/23/2024 - 04/25/2024  
05/14/2024 - 05/16/2024  
06/10/2024 - 06/14/2024  
06/25/2024 - 06/27/2024  
07/16/2024 - 07/18/2024  
09/17/2024 - 09/19/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** National Advocacy Center (NAC), Department of Justice, Office of Legal Education (DOJ/OLE), Columbia, SC

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The Medicaid Integrity Institute (MII) offers a comprehensive program of study addressing aspects of Medicaid program integrity to include fraud investigation, data mining and analysis, managed care oversight, provider screening and enrollment, and case development. To accomplish the requirements of section 1936 of the Act, CMS executed an interagency agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Legal Education (OLE) to house the MII at the National Advocacy Center, a federally owned training center located in Columbia, SC. The programs offered by the Office of Legal Education at the National Advocacy Center are large events that provided training and information sharing in accordance with OMB guidance. Total cost of 6 events is \$2,648,100. The totals shown reflect 6 training events held in FY 2024.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$441,350 (avg. per event)

**Total Attendees:** 750

**Total Feds on Travel:** 66

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 684

## Center For Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

### Value Based Care Learning System (VBC) Conference

**Dates:** 05/15/2024 - 05/16/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Baltimore Marriot Camden Yards, Baltimore, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of the 2024 VBC In-Person Conference was to provide the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) and Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO REACH) model participants a forum to discuss and share strategies and promising practices related to model drivers and goals, such as advancing health equity within underserved communities or improving outcomes for End Stage Renal Disease patients. This meeting included plenary sessions featuring speakers from CMS and model participants, as well as outside experts, who facilitated and fostered peer-to-peer learning. The event also included interactive sessions in which the model participants conducted face-to-face problem solving, as well as adopted strategies from one another to advance their organization's value-based care initiatives. Finally, this event provided model participants access to CMS's ACO REACH and KCC Model leadership and Program Team.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$482,929

**Total Attendees:** 503

**Total Feds on Travel:** 15

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 16

## Office of Minority Health (OMH)

### CMS Health Equity Conference

**Dates:** 05/29/2024 - 05/30/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Bethesda Hyatt, Bethesda, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** To reaffirm CMS' commitment to operationalizing health equity and assisting the health care system in advancing health equity through the 5 priority areas of the CMS Framework on Health Equity. We seek to continue our public commitment to health equity, not just within CMS but across the health care system. This hybrid conference helped us engage with our partners, both public and private, and continued to spearhead collaboration and innovation in health equity.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$1,234,219

**Total Attendees:** 650

**Total Feds on Travel:** 96

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 0

## Center for Program Management (CPI)

### **Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Fraud, Waste, Abuse Training**

**Dates:** 06/03/2024 - 06/06/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hilton Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of the training was to satisfy the Part C and Part D Fraud, Waste, and Abuse education and outreach as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control (HCFAC), Congress, Office of Inspector General and CPI's Mission. The training is a critical part of CPI's mission statements and communications plans. CPI is required in accordance with HCFAC, ACA, Congress, and other legislation, to train Parts C and D sponsors on the new trends and data analytics used to fight fraud. HCFAC HIPAA required the establishment of a national HCFAC, under the joint direction of the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. The HCFAC program is designed to coordinate Federal, State, and local law enforcement activities with respect to health care fraud and abuse. CPI is required by HCFAC to increase educational programs and training for Parts C & D Fraud Prevention and to provide guidance to the health care industry regarding fraudulent practices.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$272,660

**Total Attendees:** 146

**Total Feds on Travel:** 25

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 11

## Center For Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

### **Rural Health Hackathon**

**Dates:** 08/14/2024 - 08/14/2024

08/22/2024 - 08/22/2024

08/29/2024 - 08/29/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Bozeman Police Department, Bozeman, MT  
ARPA-H CS Hub Site, Dallas, TX  
Wilson County Agricultural Center, Wilson, NC

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The CMS event at each of these sites consisted of a one day in-person meeting intended to facilitate brainstorming and gather detailed, robust ideas from a diverse set of groups with keen knowledge of rural health challenges. Each of these meetings established teams and initial ideas for development and submission to CMMI and developed a CMMI policy paper. These three events supported the ongoing development and implementation of CMMI strategies to address rural health disparities in access to care, care delivery, and workforce at the state and local/community level, by:

providing CMMI with an opportunity to strengthen local partnerships in the community; promote innovation by gathering feedback, ideas, and promising practices for key rural health groups; and support health equity for those living in rural communities. Total cost of 3 events is \$403,607. The totals shown reflect 3 training events held in FY 2024.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$134,536 (Avg. per event)

**Total Attendees:** 167

**Total Feds on Travel:** 11

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 9

## Center for Program Management (CPI)

### National Provider Enrollment Conference (NPEC)

**Dates:** 08/28/2024 - 08/29/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of the conference was to educate the provider community on multiple aspects of provider enrollment, including an overview, policy updates, enrollment systems, ways to protect the program, enforcement actions, etc. This event represents the largest gathering of providers/suppliers at one time, allows CMS the best opportunity to address a large diverse group and greatly enhances both Provider Enrollment & Oversight Group and CMS provider enrollment efforts. Over 1,000 providers/entities attended the NPEC. They learned about the Medicare enrollment processes and upcoming CMS initiatives. CMS provider enrollment management, staff and Medicare Administrative Contractors were available to address multiple aspects of provider enrollment and other policy questions. In addition, the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS) contractor, CGI, was on-site to provide interactive workshops on web-based enrollment processes and to discuss new PECOS features that were recently implemented.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$201,610

**Total Attendees:** 754

**Total Feds on Travel:** 14

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 0

## Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

### CMS In-Person Event at the Agency Worksite

**Dates:** 09/11/2024 - 09/13/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** National Institute of Health Main Campus, Bethesda, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** Brought together CCIIO employees for 3 days to attend various all-staff meetings, gatherings, team building sessions and trainings in person. Staff participated in a team environment to connect, communicate, track and discuss goals/projects, solicit feedback and collaborate internally with CMS partners, and potentially external stakeholders where appropriate.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$186,966

**Total Attendees:** 430

**Total Feds on Travel:** 148

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 0

## Office Of Program Operations & Local Engagement (OPOLE)

### Innovation & Financial Management (IFM) Debt Management Conference

**Dates:** 09/17/2024 - 09/19/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** CMS Dallas Regional Office, Dallas, TX

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The Debt Management Conference [Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP)/Bankruptcy & Overpayments (BO)/Chief Financial Officer (CFO)] was an interactive event designed to provide in-depth training and education on a variety of financial related topics. This event brought together analysts from all OPOLE Innovation & Financial Management field offices, staff members from the Office of Financial Management Financial Services Group & Financial Management Systems Group, Center for Program Integrity, U.S. Treasury, Office of the General Counsel, MSP contractors, and other CMS stakeholders. The Conference helped attendees broaden their knowledge base, share experiences, collaborate with others, and engage in discussions to achieve better outcomes.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$111,636

**Total Attendees:** 101

**Total Feds on Travel:** 49

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 33

## Center for Program Management (CPI)

### Program Integrity Annual Meeting (PIAM)

**Dates:** 09/24/2024 - 09/25/2024

**Venue, City, State or Country:** CMS Headquarters, Woodlawn, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** "Program Integrity: Strategic Actions to Protect the Medicare Trust Fund" was a two-day hybrid event; a zoom webinar with an in-person meeting. This meeting fostered an open exchange of ideas and potential solutions for protecting the Medicare Trust Fund. Discussion topics covered compliance items, such as Data Analysis, Provider Enrollment, Fraud Prevention, Stakeholder Engagement, Medical Review, and Burden Reduction.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$271,621

**Total Attendees:** 641

**Total Feds on Travel:** 17

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 74