Health Care Reform: What Will It Mean to Maryland?

Friday, October 22, 2010, 8:00–10:30 a.m.
Constellation Room, 21st Floor, World Trade Center

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Program

8:00 a.m. Coffee, light breakfast and networking

8:30 Welcome
Donald F. Norris, Professor and Chair, UMBC Department of Public Policy and Director, Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research

8:45 Presentations
Moderator
Nancy A. Miller, Professor, UMBC Department of Public Policy

What Federal Health Care Reform Legislation Means to Maryland
Charles J. Milligan, Executive Director, The Hilltop Institute

The Health Care Reform Coordinating Council and Maryland’s Implementation Plans
John M. Colmers, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Co-chair, Health Care Reform Coordinating Council

Expanded Health Insurance Coverage – Policy Implications for Employers and Individuals
Paul Fronstin, Senior Research Associate, Employee Benefit Research Institute

9:45 Audience Q & A

10:30 Adjourn
Speaker Bios

Nancy A. Miller is a Professor of Public Policy at UMBC. She has conducted interdisciplinary health policy research, focusing on disability and aging issues, for the past 18 years, first through her work at the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or CMS), and most recently as a faculty member in the Department of Public Policy.

Dr. Miller is an active member of the Gerontological Health Section (GHS) of the American Public Health Association, where she was the 2007-2009 GHS Chair. She served as a member of Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Work Group for the O'Malley/Brown Transition.

Dr. Miller received a B.A. in Psychology from Earlham College, and received both her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago’s Harris School of Public Policy.

Charles J. Milligan is the Executive Director of The Hilltop Institute, UMBC’s health policy research center. Hilltop’s clients include the Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council, the Maryland Medicaid program, the New Mexico Medicaid program, other state agencies in Maryland, the federal government, and private foundations.

Before joining Hilltop, Mr. Milligan was vice president at The Lewin Group, where he provided consulting services to states and other clients primarily involving the Medicaid program. He has testified before Congress, and before state legislatures in eight states. Prior to his work at Lewin, Mr. Milligan was Medicaid and SCHIP director for the state of New Mexico. He practiced health care law earlier in his career.

Mr. Milligan holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.P.H. from the University of California at Berkeley, and a B.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame.

John M. Colmers is the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and co-chair of the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council. From November 2000 through January 2007, Mr. Colmers was a Senior Program Officer for the Milbank Memorial Fund, an endowed national foundation that provides nonpartisan analysis, study, research, and communication on significant issues in health policy.

Prior to joining the Fund, Mr. Colmers spent 19 years in Maryland State government where he held various positions, including executive director of the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) and the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Mr. Colmers has a B.S. from the Johns Hopkins University and an M.P.H. from UNC Chapel Hill.

Paul Fronstin is a Senior Research Associate at the Employee Benefit Research Institute, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to original public policy research and education on economic security and employee benefits. He is also Director of the Institute’s Health Research and Education Program. He has served on the Maryland State Planning Grant Health Care Coverage Workgroup and the Institute of Medicine Subcommittee on the Status of the Uninsured. Dr. Fronstin regularly testifies before various committees of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. He has appeared before over 100 groups to share his expertise on employee benefits.

Dr. Fronstin earned his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Binghamton and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Miami.