PANELISTS ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS OF THE INCREASING TREND TOWARD CONSOLIDATION IN HEALTH CARE.

Dec. 13—What effect will the Trump administration have on hospitals? That was a major question faced by a panel of hospital leaders on Dec. 9 at a Chicago forum sponsored by Crain’s Chicago Business.

Several panelists mulled the question of whether the incoming administration will simply repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or replace it with something else. Sonia Mehta, president and CEO of Loretto Hospital in Chicago, noted that the ACA has enabled about 20 million people to become insured. Repealing the law, therefore, would be difficult.

“There are a lot of unknowns in this market, but the general consensus is that not in the immediate future are we going to see the repeal of the Affordable Care Act,” Mehta said.

A reduction in insurance coverage is not the only potential healthcare issue under the new administration, other panelists noted. Kenneth Polonsky, executive vice president for medical affairs for the University of Chicago, explained that healthcare reform has improved the emphasis on quality and safety, a positive consequence that should be preserved.

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HOSPITALS SHOULD EXPECT MORE SHORT STAY AUDITS, REPORT SUGGESTS
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MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT EXPERTS WERE SURPRISED OIG FOUND MEDICARE PAID $2.9 BILLION FOR INAPPROPRIATE SHORT INPATIENT STAYS AND EXPECTED THE RESULT WILL GARNER ATTENTION FROM LAWMAKERS AND REGULATORS, ALIKE.

Dec. 22—Medicare reimbursement experts predict that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will escalate its use of audits after a report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) found widespread alleged violations of the 2014 “two-midnight rule” governing short hospital stays.

The Dec. 19 report found that the number of inpatient stays decreased by 262,794, (2.8 percent) while the number of outpatient stays increased by 259,908 (8.1 percent) since introduction of the “two-midnight” policy.

However, hospitals are inappropriately billing for nearly 40 percent of short inpatient stays, OIG concluded, and Medicare paid almost $2.9 billion for such inappropriate stays in FY14.

Medicare pays on average three times as much for short inpatient stays as it does for short hospital outpatient stays, even though the stays are for similar reasons and use comparable services, the report noted.

The report recommends that CMS “should routinely conduct analysis to identify hospitals that have high or increasing numbers of short inpatient stays that are potentially inappropriate under the 2-midnight policy.”

The OIG also suggested CMS consider counting the time spent as a hospitalized outpatient toward the three-night Medicare requirement for skilled nursing facility services “so that beneficiaries receiving similar hospital care have similar access to these services.”

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**February 7** – The New AP Strategy: Leveraging Automation and Working Capital Optimization to Generate Revenue

**February 21** – MIPS: Preparing for Physician Payment Changes

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Over the past few years, many organizations have volunteered to participate in the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement (BPCI) initiative for joint replacements or were launched into a mandated Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) bundled payment model. During this presentation, lessons learned and continually evolving success strategies will be discussed, including -- but not limited to -- developing post-acute networks, physician engagement, transition care management, continuum care protocols, gain sharing models, and data analytics.

KEY POINTS OF THE PRESENTATION

• As healthcare reforms evolves, Episode Payment Models (EPMs) will continue to be a vehicle for health systems to rethink how they provide care for selected patient conditions.
• Bundles require increased integration and collaboration across the continuum of care, including hospitals, post-acute providers, and physicians.
• Through joint replacement bundled payment models, such as BPCI and CJR, organizations have demonstrated results to improve quality/outcomes, enhance patient engagement, and lower the cost of care.

About the Speaker:
Donna Cameron – Donna Cameron is a managing director in Navigant Consulting’s Healthcare practice. With 33 years invested in healthcare, Cameron specializes in performance improvement, strategic planning, program development, organizational and process redesign, and physician-hospital integration. She has expertise in the post-acute and long term care continuum, both as a clinician, operational executive, and consultant. Her experience spans multiple venues of care, including inpatient rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing facilities, long-term acute care hospitals, home health, and outpatient therapies. Cameron has served as the project manager for several large scale, multi-faceted client engagements focusing on horizontal integration and organizational transformation. Her clients include hospitals, post-acute providers, senior services organizations, and physician practices.

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This webinar will detail the features and benefits of accounts payable automation solutions, and involvement required from your organization’s AP team to launch and maintain an effective accounts payable strategy designed to maximize revenue and efficiencies.

KEY SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION

The healthcare industry’s evolving landscape challenges financial professionals to create efficiencies and reduce costs. A well-defined accounts payable payment strategy can impact your spend management function and allow your organization to capitalize on discounts, reduce costs, and gain revenue. Explore effective payment strategy development to maximize efficiencies and profitability.

This presentation will detail the features and benefits of accounts payable automation solutions, and involvement required from your organization’s AP team to launch and maintain an effective accounts payable strategy designed to maximize revenue and efficiencies.

About the Speakers:

Kurt Wachtendorf, APSC, CDIA+ - Kurt provides more than 20 years of experience designing and implementing “paperless” solutions for 250+ organizations in a variety of industries including finance, transportation, healthcare, manufacturing, distribution, retail, oil and gas, education and state and local government. After an award-winning career at IBM, Kurt has developed an outstanding reputation as a leading Certified Document Imaging Architect (CDIA+) in the enterprise content management (ECM) industry. Now with Commerce Bank, Kurt works with clients to evaluate their current Accounts Payable processes and create an AP Automation Analysis “blueprint.” Kurt is a featured speaker for numerous organizations including The Institute of Finance & Management (IOFM), The Accounts Payable Network (TAPN), The Institute of Financial Operations (IFO) and the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM). His popular “7 Steps to Go Paperless” workshops guide organizations in going paperless with the Purchase-to-Pay process.

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