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The Potential of Linking Quality of Medical Care with Payment Structures in the German and U.S. Healthcare Systems

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- 9:30am – 9:45am Introduction
Jack Janes, AICGS
- 9:45am – 10:15am Morning Keynote
Keynote Speaker: Ulrike Flach, Parlamentarische Staatssekretärin
beim Bundesministerium für Gesundheit and MdB
- 10:15am – 12:15pm Panel One: The German Payment System and Quality Assessment –
Room for Reform?

In Germany, health insurance companies (so-called sickness funds) annually negotiate with the regional associations of physicians to determine aggregate payments in order to control costs. Yet, many practitioners in Germany complain about payments being too low, while insurers fear that doctors prescribe unnecessary procedures which inflate costs. Which healthcare reform issues are considered by German policy makers to address these challenges? What efforts and pilot projects have been started and what are the preliminary results? Should pay for performance (P4P) be introduced in Germany? If so, how and on what scale? What would be the benefits and drawbacks?

Speakers: Christof Veit, BQS Institute for Quality and Safety in
Health Care
Dagmar Hertel, BQS Institute for Quality and Safety in
Health Care

Respondents: Dirk Göppfarth, Bundesversicherungsamt
Franz Knieps, Wiese Consult
Stephanie Stock, Köln Institute for Health Economics
and Clinical Epidemiology, The University Hospital of
Cologne

- 12:15pm – 1:15pm Luncheon
- 1:15pm – 3:15pm Panel Two: After Two Years - Developments in the U.S. and the Role
of Pay for Performance in Healthcare Reform

Payment reforms, including P4P, figure prominently in the Affordable
Care Act. In addition, the private sector is implementing schemes to
link healthcare results to payment, above and beyond traditional P4P

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efforts. This panel will discuss P4P in U.S. healthcare reform efforts, other more wide-ranging efforts that may be needed to link payment with care results (e.g., shared savings payment models), and current opportunities and challenges to make faster progress. Two years after the Affordable Care Act, how has its implementation progressed? What have been its successes and failures? Will the Act contribute to reduce the rising costs in health care? What will happen to payment reforms if the Supreme Courts strikes down the law?

Speakers: Joachim Roski, Booz Allen Hamilton
Julie Brunner, Minnesota Council of Health Plans
Elizabeth Fowler, The White House (via skype
videoconference)

3:15pm –3:30pm

Conclusion

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