



**WMPAA 2022 Conference
Seattle Marriott Waterfront
2100 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington**

AGENDA

Sunday, August 28, 2022

12:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration – Foyer A & D
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Board Meeting – Harbor Room
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Reception – Hook & Plow
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner – Hook & Plow (State members, Alumni, and Speakers only)

Monday, August 29, 2022 – Grand Pacific Ballroom

7:00 – 2:00 pm	Registration – Foyer A & D
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Foyer A & D
8:00 – 8:15 am	Opening Remarks
8:15 – 9:00 am	CMS Medicaid Pharmacy Program Update – States only
	Medicaid Pharmacy Program Update
	<i>John Coster, PhD, RPh, Director, Division of Pharmacy, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	<i>Cynthia Denmark, RPh, Deputy Director, Division of Pharmacy, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:30 am	Medicaid Pharmacy Program State Reports Part 1 <i>State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors</i>
	Syphilis and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Then and Now
11:30 – 12:30 pm	<i>Laureen A. Biczak, DO, Infectious Disease Specialist, Chief Medical Officer, Pharmacy Benefit Solutions, Change Healthcare</i>
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch – Foyer A & D
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Medical Management of Obesity <i>Tom Frank, PharmD, BCPS, Owner, Frank Medical Consulting</i>
2:30 – 5:30 pm	State Medicaid Program Networking
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Reception – Hook & Plow
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Dinner – Grand Pacific Ballroom

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – Grand Pacific Ballroom

7:00 – 2:00 pm	Registration – Foyer A & D
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Foyer A & D
8:00 – 8:05 am	Announcements
	State Pharmacy Policies: Moving Concepts to Action Using Evidence
	<i>Rhonda Anderson, RPh, Director of Pharmacy/Drug Effectiveness Review Project (DERP), Center for Evidence-based Policy, Oregon Health & Science University</i>
8:05 – 9:05 am	<i>Susan S. Stuard, MBA, Director, State Technical Assistance, Center for Evidence-based Policy, Oregon Health & Science University</i>
	What is Evidence-Informed Health Policymaking and Why Should I Care About It?
	An Introduction to Evidence-informed Health Policy
	<i>Beth Shaw MSc, Associate Research Director, Center for Evidence-based Policy, Oregon Health and Science University</i>
9:05 – 10:35 am	<i>Adam Obley, MD, FACP, Clinical Epidemiologist, Center for Evidence-based Policy, Oregon Health & Science University</i>

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10:35 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 – 12:00 pm	Medicaid Pharmacy Program State Reports Part 2 <i>State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Foyer A & D
1:00 – 2:30 pm	WMPAA Business Meeting – States Only
2:30 – 5:30 pm	State Medicaid Program Networking
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Reception – Hook & Plow
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Dinner – Grand Pacific Ballroom

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 – Grand Pacific Ballroom

7:00 – 2:00 pm	Registration – Foyer A & D
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Foyer A & D
8:00 – 8:05 am	Announcements
8:05 – 9:05 am	Effectively Opaque: Effective Rates within State Medicaid Programs <i>Antonio Ciaccia, President, 3 Axis Advisors / CEO, 46brooklyn Research</i> <i>Benjamin Link, PharmD, Vice President Pharmacy, 3 Axis Advisors / President, 46brooklyn Research</i>
9:05 – 10:05 am	ICER: Balancing Affordability and Access <i>Maria M. Lowe, PharmD, BCPS, Director of Pharmaceutical Intelligence, ICER</i>
10:05 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:30 am	Understanding Incentives to Pharmacy Providers & Perspectives on Pharmacy Payment Reform <i>Antonio Ciaccia, President, 3 Axis Advisors / CEO, 46brooklyn Research</i> <i>Benjamin Link, PharmD, Vice President Pharmacy, 3 Axis Advisors / President, 46brooklyn Research</i>
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Medicaid Pharmacy Program State Reports Part 3 <i>State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 pm	The Search for an Ideal FFS Solution(s) - Challenges and Opportunities of FFS Pharmacy Procurements <i>Alexander Bulochnik, PharmD, MBA, BCCCP, Director of Pharmacy Business Development, Moda Health</i> <i>Donna Sullivan, PharmD, MS, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Washington Health Care Authority</i> <i>Trevor Douglass, DC, MPH, Pharmacy Purchasing & Programs Director, Health Policy & Analytics, Office of Delivery System Innovation, Oregon Health Authority</i>
2:30 – 5:30 pm	State Medicaid Program Networking
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Reception – Hook & Plow
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Dinner – Grand Pacific Ballroom

Thursday, September 1, 2022 – Grand Pacific Ballroom

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Foyer A & D
8:00 – 8:05 am	Announcements
8:05 – 9:05 am	Promoting Health Equity Through a Medicaid Pharmacy Lens <i>Jon Villaurda, MPH, Senior Govt. Policy Consultant, Mercer Government Human Services Consulting</i>

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The Long and Non-Checked Past of the Oregon Health Authority and OSU School of Pharmacy: Partnering to Prioritize Evidence and Equity to Inform Oregon Medicaid Drug Policy

9:05 – 10:30 am

Deborah (“Dee”) Weston, MPA, JD, Pharmacy Program Policy Advisor, Oregon Health Authority

Sara Servid, PharmD, P&T Clinical Coordinator, Oregon State University College of Pharmacy

Andrew Gibler, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacy Manager, Oregon Health Authority

10:30 – 11:30 am

Medicaid Pharmacy Program State Reports Part 4

State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors

11:30 – 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

12:00 pm

Adjourn – Box Lunch



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Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Activity Information

Title of CPE Program	Universal Activity #	CE Hrs	CPE Code
Monday, August 29, 2022: 9:00 – 10:00 am Medicaid Pharmacy Program Update - John Coster, PhD, RPh; Cynthia Denemark, RPh	0171-0000-22-055-L04-P	1.00	
Monday, August 29, 2022: 10:15 – 11:30 am Medicaid Pharmacy Program State Reports Part 1 - State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors	0171-0000-22-056-L04-P	1.25	
Monday, August 29, 2022: 11:30 – 12:30 pm Syphilis and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Then & Now - Laureen A. Biczak, DO	0171-0000-22-057-L01-P	1.00	
Monday, August 29, 2022: 1:30 – 2:30 pm Medical Management of Obesity - Tom Frank, PharmD, BCPS	0171-0000-22-058-L01-P	1.00	
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Thursday, September 1, 2022: 10:30 – 11:30 am Medicaid Pharmacy Program State Reports Part 4 - State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors	0171-0000-22-069-L04-P	1.00	

Requirements To Obtain CPE Credit: To earn ACPE-accredited CPE, participants must attend the activity in its entirety and then **obtain the CPE code at the end of the activity**. An online evaluation, available through the LecturePanda link listed below, must be completed **within three weeks after the program**. Immediately following the program, use the LecturePanda link to create a LecturePanda account and then follow the instructions to obtain CPE credit.

Website for Submitting CPE Program Evaluations: <https://www.lecturepanda.com/r/WMPAA22>

- Steps To Obtain CPE Credit:**
- Review the course learning materials (for example, the learning objectives).
 - Confirm information provided when you registered for CPE through LecturePanda.
 - Claim participation in the applicable CPE activity.
 - Complete all listed evaluations and quizzes.

Additional Information: On the LecturePanda website, you will need to enter the CPE code provided at the end of the CPE program for which you are claiming credit. Your credit(s) will be automatically processed once you complete the online evaluations. Upon completion, CPE credits will be transmitted electronically to ACPE. All transmitted CPE credits will be viewable on your CPE Monitor transcript within 24 hours.

SPEAKER BIOS

Rhonda Anderson is the Director of Pharmacy and the Director of the Drug Review Effectiveness Project (DERP) collaborative for the Center of Evidence-based Policy at Oregon Health and Science University. Most recently she served as the Deputy Division Director for Clinical Policy and Operations for the MO HealthNet Program (formerly Missouri Medicaid).

As the DERP Director, Rhonda leads a trailblazing collaborative of state Medicaid and public pharmacy programs in the production of concise, comparative, evidence-based research products that assist policy makers and other decision-makers grappling with difficult decisions. Rhonda is the Center's lead pharmacy subject matter expert, and consults on all Center projects that involve pharmaceuticals or drug policy, including the Medicaid Evidence-based Decisions (MED) project and the State Medicaid Alternative Reimbursement Test for High Cost Drugs (SMART-D).

A married mother of three, Rhonda has practiced pharmacy in both hospital and retail settings, and brings wealth of clinical expertise and executive leadership experience to the Center.

Dr. Laureen Biczak is the Chief Medical Officer for the Pharmacy Benefits Solutions Business Unit of Change Healthcare. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. She continues to practice Infectious Disease on a part-time basis which provides her a unique view of pharmacy issues – from both the payor and provider perspective.

Prior to joining Change Healthcare 15 years ago, Dr. Biczak spent more than six years as the Medical Director for Maine's Medicaid program, MaineCare. She received her Doctor of Osteopathy from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

When not working, her major loves are world travel with her spouse, boating from her home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, bird watching and most recently-her new Cavapoo puppy-Copper!

Alex Bulochnik is Director of Business Development on the Pharmacy Team at Moda Health. He started out as an ICU pharmacist but has spent the majority of his career on the health plan/managed care side with a specific focus in Medicaid. Prior to coming to Moda, Alex also spent several years developing a clinical pharmacy service for a multispecialty provider group. In his current role, Alex extends his primary focus of program/product development with integration of modern technology solutions.

Antonio Ciaccia was born and raised in pharmacy, he has been crawling around pharmacies his entire life. After three years as a pharmacy technician and two years of pre-pharmacy curriculum, Antonio diverted course, graduating from The Ohio State University in 2007 with dual degrees in communications and political science before moving into the world of association management.

Thinking that pharmacy would be in his rear-view mirror forever, he ended up making his way back to his pharmacy home, heading up government affairs for the Ohio Pharmacists Association, a trade organization with a strong track record of advocating for drug pricing transparency. After years of studying the pharmacy marketplace, Antonio became increasingly perplexed and concerned as he saw drug costs spiking while payouts to pharmacies were declining.

Knowing something was being lost somewhere in the middle of an ever-growing transaction, Antonio has spent years working to crack the drug pricing code and pull the rug out from what he believes is one of the most dysfunctional marketplaces in the world.

SPEAKER BIOS

John Coster is Director of the Division of Pharmacy at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, which is a component of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He is responsible for policy and operational issues relating to the Medicaid pharmacy program and the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP).

He holds a MPS and Ph.D. in health policy from the University of Maryland Graduate School in Baltimore and a B.S in Pharmacy from St John's University in New York. Prior to joining CMS, he has held senior government affairs executive positions with the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), and Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access.

Dr. Coster also worked as a health analyst at the United States Congress Office of Technology Assessment and was a Policy Fellow at the Center on Drugs and Public Policy at the University of Maryland Graduate School in Baltimore.

He holds a bachelor's degree from St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in New York, and received his master's degree and Ph.D. in Health Policy from the University of Maryland Graduate School.

Cynthia Denemark joined CMS in July 2019 as Deputy Director of the Division of Pharmacy of CMCS. She previously served as the Delaware Pharmacy Director for the Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance. She has worked directly for the state and for the fiscal agent over her 25 years tenure, providing oversight for the drug benefit.

During her time with the Delaware program she developed and administered the Point of Service prescription system, state-wide Prior Authorization Program, the Delaware Prescription Assistance Program, the Manufacturer Rebate Program, and the Prospective DUR system.

She has overseen the federal and state rebate programs, and has a wide range of experience doing quality assurance projects from HEDIS measure analysis, retrospective drug utilization review, and coordination with managed care organizations that were part of the Diamond State Health Plan.

Trevor Douglass is a Doctor of Chiropractic and holds a Master of Public Health focused on health disparities and primary care. He has a broad experience that spans clinical practice and several public health programs.

Tom Frank has been involved in various aspects of drug therapy for over 40 years. He has worked in retail, hospital, nursing home, clinical and consultative pharmacy practice settings.

Dr. Frank has established Frank Medical Consulting, a business focused on continuing education presentations for a wide range of healthcare groups. He also provides consulting services on complex patient medication regimens.

Previously, he was an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences- Northeast where he was the Director of Education and Research. He taught drug therapeutics to family medicine residents at the Northeast Arkansas Area Health Education Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Andrew Gibler is the Clinical Pharmacy Policy & Programs Manager at Oregon Health Authority. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy from Oregon State University in 2003 and 2007 before completing a post-graduate residency program at Legacy Health in Portland, Oregon.

SPEAKER BIOS

Benjamin Link has experienced the practice of pharmacy from the point of view of a patient, pharmacy technician, intern, pharmacist, assistant pharmacy manager, clinical pharmacist and clinical account manager. Ben has worked with small and mid-sized employer groups, professional organizations, Medicaid programs, workers' compensation insurers and re-insurers, and Third Party Administrators (TPAs) to better understand pharmacy data.

While employed within pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) Ben recognized a need for change within the pharmacy supply chain. Ben joined 3 Axis Advisors to connect pharmacy claims data to people equally committed to getting the healthcare transaction right. Ben's knowledge include data analysis, database management, clinical evidence evaluation, healthcare policy and project management.

Ben received his degree as a Doctor of Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University with a minor in Spanish Language.

Maria Lowe is the the Director of Pharmaceutical Intelligence for the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review. In this role, she is responsible for tracking developments in the drug pipeline to advise the ICER team on potential topics of interest worthy of considering for comparative and cost-effectiveness evaluation.

A board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist, Dr. Lowe received her Pharm.D. from Northeastern University in 2008. After graduation, she completed a two-year fellowship in health outcomes research and pharmacoconomics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School's Clinical Pharmacy Services (CPS), then continued that work for the next three years as a clinical consultant pharmacist. She joined PatientsLikeMe in 2013 and transitioned to ICER in 2019.

Since 2009 she has been invited to serve as an annual guest speaker about drugs in development at a variety of local and national meetings.

Adam Obley is an Associate Professor of Medicine at OHSU and Associate Chief of Staff for Community Care for VA Portland Health Care System. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed his residency and chief residency in Internal Medicine at OHSU. He is also a Clinical Epidemiologist at the OHSU Center for Evidence-based Policy where he works on a wide variety of projects applying clinical and health services research to policy development. He sees patients in the inpatient and outpatient settings at the Portland VA Medical Center.

His research interests are in medical education (particularly at the intersection of evidence-based medicine and clinical reasoning), high value care, systematic reviews, and clinical guideline development. He currently serves on the American College of Physician's Clinical Guidelines Committee as well as its Scientific Medical Policy Committee.

Prior to medical school, Dr. Obley was as a special assistant to Kansas governor Kathleen Sebelius from 2003-2005 working on health and education policy. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, hiking, racquet sports, gardening, and crossword puzzles.

Sarah Servid grew up in Eastern Oregon and graduated from Oregon State University/Oregon Health and Science University College of Pharmacy in 2016. She completed a fellowship with the OSU Drug Use Research Management group, and now works as a P&T clinical coordinator for Oregon fee-for-service Medicaid assisting the Oregon Health Authority to prioritize topics for review at P&T, implement policy, and evaluate opportunities for improvement.

SPEAKER BIOS

Beth Shaw is the Associate Research Director at the Center for Evidence-based Policy, and has research director responsibility for the Drug Effectiveness Review Project (DERP). Prior to joining the Center in 2018, Beth worked at the U.K.'s National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) as a methodologist, with expertise in evidence-based guidelines and performance measures.

At the Center, Beth's primary responsibilities are to oversee the development evidence reports to support policy making and, with other Center research directors, to ensure the use of robust methods of evidence synthesis. Beth also has a number of peer-reviewed publications, including systematic reviews and papers on methodological aspects of guideline and performance measure development.

Susan Stuard is the Director for State Technical Assistance at the Center for Evidence-based Policy where she provides leadership, support and insight to the Center's state technical assistance projects. She helps states to evaluate policy changes by facilitating meetings and stakeholder input processes, developing and analyzing policy frameworks, translating evidence into policy outcomes, and helping states create strategies and decision-tools to enable change.

From 2008 to 2015, Ms. Stuard led THINC, the not-for-profit convening organization that established research-based criteria to enhance health care quality and value in the Hudson Valley. Prior to THINC, she was the director for technology policy development at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH). Ms. Stuard was also the vice president of regulatory affairs for the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) where she led GNYHA's efforts with respect to clinical information technology and the HIPAA Privacy and Security rules. She has also held regulatory affairs and hospital operation roles at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In addition, Ms. Stuard serves on the Board of Directors for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the Advisory Board for the New York State Health Foundation.

She holds an MBA from the Yale School of Management and a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College.

Donna Sullivan is the Chief Pharmacy Officer at the Washington State Health Care Authority. She has over twenty years' experience in pharmacy benefit management and formulary design. Dr. Sullivan plays a major role in the development of a statewide pharmaceutical purchasing strategy and maintenance of an evidence-based prescription drug program that optimizes state resources and clinical effectiveness.

She is responsible for managing and administering the pharmacy benefits for the Public and School Employee Benefits Boards and the Washington Medicaid Apple Health program. Dr. Sullivan oversees \$1.2 billion in biennial pharmaceutical expenditures for over 2 million individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Public and School Employee Benefits programs.

Dr. Sullivan received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University in Atlanta, GA and a Master's Degree in Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy from the University of Washington. She completed residency training in Ambulatory Care at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta GA and a two-year managed care pharmacy fellowship sponsored by Astra pharmaceuticals and the University of Washington.

Jon Villasurda is a principal in Mercer's Government Human Services Consulting group, part of Mercer Health & Benefits LLC (Mercer), in the Phoenix office. Jon brings over a decade of experience in health program policy development and implementation; Medicaid authorities, benefits, and operations; strategic planning; administrative operations; policy and legislative analysis; data analysis; community development; procurement and budgeting; people management; IT/systems to support policy operations; grant writing; communications; quality management; and customer service.

SPEAKER BIOS

Jon specializes in initiatives reflecting Medicaid delivery system reform, behavioral and physical health integration, Medicaid health homes, specialty behavioral health services, crisis services, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs), health workforce programs, and managed care entity oversight.

Prior to joining Mercer in 2022, Jon worked at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for over seven years. Jon served as a Deputy Administrator for the MDHHS Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) and as a Senior Policy Analyst for the MDHHS Medical Services Administration. Prior to his state service, Jon worked for the Michigan Primary Care Association—Michigan’s association of FQHCs.

Dee Weston grew up in the Hoosier state and is the last member of her family to move to Oregon. She is not a pharmacist but has served in the Oregon Health Authority in support of Oregon’s Medicaid pharmacy program since 2013. Before that, she worked as a staff attorney in Oregon and then in West Virginia, and focused primarily on Medicaid programs.

Her passion for ensuring everyone has access to quality healthcare is what led her to law school, and it is what continues to motivate her today.

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