

**MAKING RISK ADJUSTMENT WORK IN HEALTH CARE REFORM:
Identifying the Challenges and Potential Paths Forward**

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8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:05 Welcome

Nancy Chockley, President and CEO, NIHCM Foundation

9:05-9:20 Framing the Discussion

Bob Kocher, Principal, McKinsey & Company and Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution Engelberg Center for Health Reform

- Provide an overview of why risk adjustment is critical to the success of reform

9:20- 9:45 Perspective on the Need for Risk Adjustment

Sherry Glied, Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation

Rick Kronick, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Policy, ASPE

9:45-11:15 Assessing the Current State of Risk Adjustment Methods and their Potential Applications Under Health Care Reform

Rong Yi, Senior Consultant & James O'Connor, Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman (Presenters)

Bob Kocher (Discussion Moderator)

- Profile the key risk adjustment models in use today and assess their potential for use under health care reform, including consideration of population and data issues
- Describe the characteristics that define different risk adjustment models and what it means to “adapt” an existing model
- Lay out critical issues related to risk adjustment modeling, use for payment adjustments and system implementation
- Group Discussion: Implications for policymakers and other experts charged with developing risk adjustment

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30 Insights from a State Decision-Making Perspective
Ross Winkelman, Managing Director, Wakely Consulting Group
(Presenter)
Bob Kocher (Discussion Moderator)

- Describe critical decision points and time path for state activities needed to ready risk adjustment systems by 2014
- Group Discussion: Implications for state and federal policymakers and other stakeholders

12:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 Potential Paths Forward: Getting the Best Ideas and Options on the Table
Bob Kocher (Discussion Moderator)

- Group Exercise: A structured brainstorming opportunity to gather ideas on effective and feasible ways to develop and implement a robust risk management system
- Discussion of Next Steps: Are there actions that this group wants to take to encourage continued exchange of knowledge and experience and to support the effective implementation of risk adjustment?