

2018 CMS/ITU Outreach and Education Agenda

April 3-4, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton Seattle Downtown Pioneer Square
Seattle, Washington

APRIL 3 – DAY 1

7:30 – 8:00 am

REGISTRATION

8:00 – 8:15 am

Welcome and Introductions

John Graham

Regional Director
DHHS, Region 10

John Hammarlund

Regional Administrator, CMS Region 10

8:15-8:45 am

CMS Tribal Affairs Update

Georgeline Sparks

Division of Tribal Affairs, CMS

8:45 –9:15

Region 10 Division Associate Regional
Administrator-Introductions

David Meacham

Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's
Operations

Brian Flett

Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Financial Management and Fee for
Service Operations

Nyetta Patton

Deputy Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicare Health Plans Operations

Julius Bunch

Branch Manager
Division of Survey and Certification

9:15-10:00

Panel Discussion:
Medicare & Medicaid Technical
Assistance Region 10 Staff

Division of Financial Management and Fee
for Service Operations

Division of Medicare Health Plans Operations

Division of Survey and Certification
Operations



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10:00-11:00

Panel Discussion:
Medicare, What you need to know and
where to find it!

Gary Shinkoskey

Regional Trainer Consultant
Washington Senior Health Insurance Benefits
Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

Julie Wilhelm

Volunteer Services Coordinator.
Idaho Senior Health Insurance Benefits
Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

Donna Delikat

FO/Trainer with Oregon SHIBA
Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace

11:00-12:15

Panel Discussion:
Medicare Billing & Medicare Updates

Gail Atnip

IHS/VA Administration Liaison/Provider
Outreach Education Specialist
Novitas-Solutions, Inc.

Kim Robinson

IHS/VA/RHC/FQHC
Provider Outreach and Education
Novitas-Solutions, Inc.

Tammy Ewers, CPC

ICD-10 Certified Representative
Part B-Provider Education and Outreach
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC

12:15 – 1:15 pm

LUNCH (on your own)

1:15 – 2:15 pm

Social Security Administration Updates

Kirk Larson

Washington Public Affairs Specialist
Social Security Administration

2:15 – 2:30 pm

BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 pm

VA Health Benefits, Reimbursement

Terry Bentley

VISN 20 Public Affairs Officer
Veterans Benefits Administration, Seattle
Regional Office

Carrie Epperson,

Assistant Veteran Service Center Manager
Veterans Benefits Administration, Seattle
Regional Office



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3:30-4:30

Medicare enrollment

Gail Atnip

IHS/VA Administration Liaison/Provider
Outreach Education Specialist
Novitas-Solutions, Inc.

4:40 – 5:00 pm

Wrap-up

Rhonda Martinez-McFarland

Region 10 NAC
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



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APRIL 4 – DAY 2

8:30 – 9:00 am

REGISTRATION

9:00 – 9:10 am

Welcome

Joe Finkbonner

9:10 – 9:25 am

Self-Governance

Joe Finkbonner

9:25 – 11:35 pm

Panel Discussion:
Medicaid Panel-Billing and Working with
the State/Outreach and Education

Tiffany Kinzler

Bureau Chief of Medical Care
Division of Medicaid/Idaho Department
of Health and Welfare

George Gutierrez

Deputy Administrator for Policy
Division of Medicaid/Idaho Department
of Health and Welfare

Jason Stiener and Michael Stickler

Tribal Policy & Program Analyst
Oregon Health Authority

Jessie Dean

Administrator, Tribal Affairs & Analysis
Division of Policy, Planning &
Performance
Washington Health Care Authority

Michael C. Longnecker

Tribal Affairs Operations & Compliance
Manager
Division of Policy, Planning &
Performance
Washington Health Care Authority

11:35 – 11:45 am

BREAK

11:45 – 12:30 pm

Panel Discussion:
Health Insurance Market Place and what it
means to AI/AN

Marina Cassandra

Community Partner and Tribal Liaison
Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace

Deb Sosa

Tribal Liaison
Washington Health Benefit Exchange



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Kristen Bitsuie

National Indian Health Board
Health Insurance Marketplace

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1:30 – 2:30

Office of the Inspector General

Scott Schneckenburger
Special Agent
US Department of Health & Human
Services
Office of Inspector General, Office of
Investigations

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Washington Apple Health & Tribal Income

Amy Dobbins
Washington HCA

Melissa Rivera
Washington HCA

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Wrap-up

Rhonda Martinez-McFarland
Native American Contact CMS,
Division of Medicaid and Children's
Health Operations, Region 10

