

3rd WASHINGTON HEALTH ECONOMICS SYMPOSIUM

Washington, DC

Agenda – As of September 30, 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Welcome reception: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Heavy Appetizers & Cocktails. Topic of Conversation:
Medicare Advantage for All, 2030 Possibility or Fools Gold

Location: The Salt Line, 79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

Day 1 - “The Opportunities”

Monday, October 5, 2026, U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, DC 20515

- Coffee: 8:00 am to 8:45 am
- **Session #1: Payer Policy** – 8:45 am to 9:30 am
 - Paper - 8:45 to 9:00: **What Drives Premium Costs in Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance?**
Salpy Kanimian, Brown University
Nate Dominitz, Rice University
Marah Short, Rice University
Vivian Ho, Rice University
 - Paper - 9:00 to 9:15: **The private option: Trade Shocks and Hospital Reliance on Private Healthcare Insurance**
Cyrus Aghamolla, Rice University
Ly Nguyen, Rice University
David Zhang, Rice University
 - Discussion – 9:15 to 9:30
 - Coffee and electronic catch-up 9:30 am to 9:45 am
- **Session #2: Technology & Innovation Policy** – 9:45 am to 10:30 am
 - Paper - 9:45 to 10:00: **New Medical Technology and Clinical Practice: Evidence from AI Stroke Triage**
Miaoqing Jia, Cornell University
Lucy Xiaolu Wang, University of Massachusetts Amherst
 - Paper – 10:00 to 10:15: **Projected Population Health Impact of Autonomous AI Primary Care in US Physician-Shortage Counties**

Alon Bergman University of Pennsylvania
Dan Zeltzer, University of Pennsylvania

- Discussion – 10:15 to 10:30
- Coffee and electronic catch-up 10:30 am to 10:45 am
- **Session #3: Payer & Provider – 10:45 am to 11:45 am**
 - Paper - 10:45 to 11:00: **Arbitration with Regulatory Capture: Evidence from Disputes over Surprise Medical Bills**
Benjamin Chartock, Bentley University
Christopher Whaley, Brown University
 - Paper - 11:00 to 11:15: **Organizational Form and Regulatory Compliance: Evidence from Medical Loss Ratio Regulation**
Lynn M. Hua, Georgia State University
 - Paper – 11:15 to 11:30: **Health Insurance Design and the Passthrough of List Prices to Out-of-Pocket Costs**
Josh Feng, University of Utah
Luca Maini, Harvard Medical School
 - Discussion – 11:30 to 11:45
- **Morning Summary: 11:45 to Noon**
- **Afternoon activities for participants**
 - DC Hill Visits with BAHM MBA students (invited)
- **Happy Hour Town & Gown Exchange,**
 - The Point, Buzzard's Point, Washington DC, 20024, 7:30 pm. Buffet dinner available starting at 6:30pm
 - **Conversation Topic: What are Realistic Solutions to 340B:** An informal forum among policy makers, academics, and industry.

Day 2 - "The Implementation and Impact"

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, The Morning Consult, 1025 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

- Coffee, 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- **Session #1: Paper to Policy Implementation** – Payer Policy, Moderating Chair: Steve Parente, 9:00 am to 9:45am

Panelists include authors from Monday, Session #1 and former policy makers including:
 - Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum
 - Nathan Wilson, Econic Partners; former FTC Bureau of Economics
- Coffee and electronic catch-up 9:45 am to 10:00 am
- **Session #2: Paper to Policy Implementation** – Technology & Innovation Policy, Moderating Chair: Marta Wosinska, 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Panelists include authors from Monday, Session #2 and former policy makers including:
 - Ellen Lukens (invited), Former Deputy CMMI director
 - Steph Carlton, Deputy Administrator CMS
- Coffee and electronic catch-up 10:45 am to 11:00 am
- **Session #3: Paper to Policy Implementation** – Payer & Provider Policy, Moderating Chair: Karoline Mortensen, 11:00 am to 11:45 am

Panelists include authors from Monday, Session #3 and former policy makers including:
 - Loren Adler, Brookings Institution
 - Matthew Fiedler, Brookings Institution and former Chief Economist at CEA
 - Randy Pate, Former CCIIO director
- Summary: 11:45 am to Noon

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Tentative Adjacent Activities from The HEAL Network for BAHM (Business School Alliance for Health Management) Participating Schools

Day 1 - Monday, October 5, 2026

- House Energy & Commerce Committee, 1:00 to 2:00pm
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2:30 to 3:30pm
- PhRMA, District Wharf 4:00 to 5:00pm

Day 2 – Tuesday, October 6, 2026

- The Brookings Institution, 1:00 to 2:00pm
- Alliance for Health Policy, 2:30 to 3:30pm
- Council of Economic Advisers, The White House, 4:00 to 5:00pm