

THE LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION GROUP

A VOLUNTARY INDEPENDENT GROUP THAT MEETS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF EDUCATING THE POLICY COMMUNITY ON ALL FACETS OF LONG TERM CARE

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

American Benefits Council
1501 M Street, NW
Washington, DC
Conference Center on the Lower S Level
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Why Medicare Should Take the Lead on Dual Eligibles – and Long Term Care Should Be Part of the Equation

Speaker: Judy Feder, Ph.D.

Recent policy initiatives to improve coordination of care and reimbursement for dual eligibles have tended to put the states in the driver's seat, thereby raising several issues concerning which culture and set of practices and rules will ultimately hold sway for this population: Medicaid's or Medicare's. At this session, Georgetown University Professor and Urban Institute Fellow Judy Feder will make the case for greater federal leadership, referring to recent a paper entitled "Refocusing Responsibility for Dual Eligibles: Why Medicare Should Take the Lead." (See: <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412418-Refocusing-Responsibility-For-Dual-Eligibles.pdf>.)

She will also discuss the need to broaden discussions about improving care coordination for high-cost, chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries to include long term care. Harriet Komisar, also of Georgetown University, and Feder lay out their rationale in another paper, "Transforming Care for Medicare Beneficiaries with Chronic Conditions and Long-Term Care Needs: Coordinating Care across All Services." (See: <http://www.thescanfoundation.org/commissioned-supported-work/transforming-care-medicare-beneficiaries-chronic-conditions-and-long%E2%80%90ter>.)

Judy Feder is a professor of public policy at, and from 1999 to 2008, served as dean of the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. A nationally recognized leader in health and long term care policy, Judy's policy research began at the Brookings Institution. In 1989, she moved from research to policy leadership, actively promoting effective health reform as staff director of the congressional Pepper Commission (chaired by Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV). She served as principal deputy assistant secretary for planning and evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services during President Bill Clinton's first term; as senior fellow at the Center for American Progress (2008-2011); and, today serves as an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute.

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