

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**

**Wednesday June 25, 2014
10:00 a.m. Eastern Time**

**Altarum Institute
2000 M St., NW
Conference Center - Basement Level
Washington, DC**

TOPIC:

**“MediCaring” - Enabling Frail Elders to Live Meaningfully
and Comfortably at a Sustainable Cost**

SPEAKER: Joanne Lynn, MD, MA, MS Altarum Institute

Providing adequate and reliable services for the period of frailty at the end of life requires addressing an array of challenges simultaneously. The Center for Elder Care and Advanced Illness at the Altarum Institute has been formulating a comprehensive model, called MediCaring®, to take practical steps toward achieving that goal over the next few years. The model builds on many valuable innovations already underway in health care, social supports, and financing. Like PACE, MediCaring requires a comprehensive service plan negotiated with the elderly person and family members, which is carried across all care settings. The model calls for the development of processes to monitor supply and quality of services and would give local government units, such as counties and cities, authority to use medical care savings to support gaps and improve quality, especially for supportive services. Efficiencies from geographic concentration would be encouraged. Quality measures would include patient/family confidence and the alignment of services with care goals. Initial reforms include geographic-based metrics for quality and cost, community organizing and goal-setting, and contracting with capitated or shared savings organizations to provide tailored services to elderly people living with frailty and to their caregivers. Several communities are trying first steps toward this model. A proposal is pending before CMS’s Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation that would allow certain communities to use this model to organize and manage frail elder care.

Joanne Lynn, MD, MA, MS, is a geriatrician, health services researcher, quality improvement advisor, policy analyst, and policy advocate. Her work focuses on ensuring that Americans can live comfortably and meaningfully despite serious illness and disability in the last years of life, at a sustainable cost to the community. She leads the Altarum Institute's Center on Elder Care and Advanced Illness where she focuses upon coaching local communities to build excellent care systems anchored in sharing savings from medical care, and on building the constituencies to make such reforms possible. She previously served as the lead architect for CMS's Care Transitions work. She has been a senior researcher at RAND and a tenured Professor of Medicine and Community Health at Dartmouth Medical School and George Washington University. Dr. Lynn has published more than 250 professional articles, and her dozen books include *The Handbook for Mortals*, a guide for the public, and *Sick to Death and Not Going to Take it Any More!*, an action guide for policymakers and advocates.

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