

AGENDA

Date: May 24, 2023, 1:00 PM ET

Attendees: Cynthia A. Fisher, Founder and Chairman, PatientRightsAdvocate.org
Sophia Tripoli, Director, Families USA Center for Affordable, Whole Person Care
Jane Sheehan, Director of Federal Relations, Families USA

Meeting: CY 2024 Hospital Outpatient PPS Policy Changes and Payment Rates and
Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Policy Changes and Payment Rates
(CMS-1786) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Meeting

- Introductions
- The Current State of Healthcare Price Transparency
- Priority Recommendations for Improvement
 - Require submission of price data directly to CMS with an attestation of completeness and accuracy.
 - Withdraw related sub-regulatory guidance and explicitly bar hospitals from avoiding disclosing prices by inserting “N/A” in data fields.
 - Eliminate the ability of hospitals to utilize the price estimator as a “loophole” to disclosure requirements.
 - Establish and require uniform data standards for price files to enable effective use by technology developers to make the data more usable for patients.
 - Expand the scope of the Hospital Price Transparency Rule to include Ambulatory Surgery Centers to provide consumers with information at more sites of care, which are often owned by hospitals or their related entities.
 - Expand the required disclosures under the rule to include the range of discounted cash prices accepted by the hospital, as well as facility fee charges.
 - Include the use of secondary “extrinsic” sources, such as Transparency in Coverage data, to identify gaps and verify compliance.
- Questions