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12:00 pm  Welcome, Introductions
Fred Sanfilippo, MD, PhD
Director, Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program

12:05 - 12:45 pm  Keynote Presentation
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12:45 - 1:30 pm  Panel Presentations
Kenneth Thorpe, PhD
Robert W. Woodruff Professor & Chair
Department of Health Policy & Management
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Karen Minyard, MN, PhD
Executive Director, Georgia Health Policy Center
Georgia State University

Daniel Dawes, JD
Executive Director, Government Relations, Policy, & External Affairs
Morehouse School of Medicine

William M. Sage, MD, JD
Chair for Faculty Excellence, School of Law
The University of Texas at Austin
Visiting Professor, Emory University Law School

1:30 - 2:00 pm  Panel Discussion, Q&A
Mark McClellan, MD, PhD
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Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, is the Robert J. Margolis Professor of Business, Medicine, and Policy, and Director of the Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University. He is a physician-economist who focuses on quality and value in health care including payment reform, real-world evidence and more effective drug and device innovation. He is former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and former commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, where he developed and implemented major reforms in health policy. He was previously Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and a faculty member at Stanford University.

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Kenneth E. Thorpe, Ph.D., is the Robert W. Woodruff Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy & Management, in the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. He was the Vanselow Professor of Health Policy and Director, Institute for Health Services Research at Tulane University. He was previously Professor of Health Policy and Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; an Associate Professor and Director of the Program on Health Care Financing and Insurance at the Harvard University School of Public Health and Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Health at Columbia University. Dr. Thorpe has also held Visiting Faculty positions at Pepperdine University and Duke University. Dr. Thorpe was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1993 to 1995. In this capacity, he coordinated all financial estimates and program impacts of President Clinton’s health care reform proposals for the White House. He
also directed the administration’s estimation efforts in dealing with Congressional health care reform proposals during the 103rd and 104th sessions of Congress.

As an academic, he has testified before several committees in the U.S. Senate and House on health care reform and insurance issues. In 1991, Dr. Thorpe was awarded the Young Investigator Award presented to the most promising health services researcher in the country under age 40 by the Association for Health Services Research. He also received the Hettleman Award for academic and scholarly research at the University of North Carolina and was provided an “Up and Comers” award by Modern Healthcare. Dr. Thorpe was awarded the annual Excellence in Patient Care prize from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores in 2014. He also received the 2012 Champions for Healthy Living Award presented by the YMCA of the USA.

Dr. Thorpe has authored and co-authored over 120 articles, book chapters and books and is a frequent national presenter on issues of health care financing, insurance and health care reform at health care conferences, television and the media. He has worked with several groups (including the American College of Physicians, American Hospital Association, National Coalition on Health Care, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Service Employees International Union, AHIP and the United Hospital Fund) and policymakers (including Senators Wellstone, Corzine, Bingaman, Snowe, Feinstein, Cassidy, Carper, Clinton, Obama and Kennedy) to develop and evaluate alternative approaches for providing health insurance to the uninsured. He serves as a reviewer on several health care journals.

Dr. Thorpe is chairman, Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease, an international coalition of over 80 groups focused on highlighting the key role that chronic disease plays in the growth in healthcare spending, and the high rates of morbidity and mortality. PFCD focuses as well on identifying best practice prevention and care coordination strategies and scaling them countrywide. He also serves as co-chair of the Partnership for the Future of Medicare, a non-partisan organization focused on identifying long-term reforms that would make the program more efficient and improve the quality of care provided to beneficiaries.
Karen Minyard, Ph.D., has been director of the Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) since 2001 and is also a research professor with the Department of Public Management and Policy. Minyard connects the research, policy, and programmatic work of the center across issue areas including population health, health philanthropy, public and private health coverage, and the uninsured.

Minyard has experience with the state Medicaid program, both with the design of program reforms and external evaluation. Her research interests include financing and evaluation of health-related social policy programs; strategic alignment of public and private health policy through collective impact; the role of local health initiatives in access and health improvement; the role of targeted technical assistance in improving the sustainability, efficiency, and programmatic effectiveness of nonprofit health collaboratives; and health and health care financing.

In addition to overseeing the center’s overall strategic vision, Minyard plays a leadership role in several center projects that weave together the key learnings, skillsets, and areas of expertise of the GHPC, including evaluation, technical assistance, policy and economic analysis, backbone and organizational support, health and health care financing, health system transformation, Health in All Policies, and rural health. She is currently co-principal investigator and spearheading evaluation efforts for the GHPC’s national coordinating center, Bridging for Health: Improving Community Health Through Innovations in Financing, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She also serves on the executive trio of the Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement, along with the Atlanta Regional Commission and the United Way of Greater Atlanta.
Attorney Daniel E. Dawes is a nationally recognized leader in the health equity movement and has led numerous efforts to address health policy issues impacting vulnerable, under-served, and marginalized populations. He is a health care attorney and administrator, and serves as the executive director of government affairs and health policy at Morehouse School of Medicine. He is also a lecturer of health law and policy at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute.

Dawes was instrumental in shaping the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) and founded and chaired the largest advocacy group, the National Working Group on Health Disparities and Health Reform, focused on developing comprehensive, inclusive and meaningful legislation to reform the health care system and address the disparities in health care and health status among racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, women, children, LGBT individuals, and other vulnerable groups in the United States. He is the co-founder of the Health Equity Leadership and Exchange Network (HELEN), which is a national network of health equity champions in virtually every state and territory.

Dawes often lectures and presents on health law and policy while serving simultaneously on several boards, commissions, and councils focused on health equity and health reform. He is an adviser to international, national, regional, state and municipal policymakers, as well as think tanks, associations, foundations, corporations, and nonprofit organizations.
William M. Sage, MD, JD, an authority on health law and policy, teaches at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is James R. Dougherty Chair for Faculty Excellence in the School of Law and Professor of Surgery and Perioperative Care in the Dell Medical School. From 2006-2013, he served as the university’s first Vice Provost for Health Affairs. Prof. Sage is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (IOM), and serves on the Board on Health Care Services of the National Academies. He is an elected fellow of the Hastings Center on bioethics, and serves on the editorial board of the journal Health Affairs.

Dr. Sage has written over 200 articles and has edited three books, including the Oxford Handbook of U.S. Health Law (2016). His research has been supported by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and the Pew Charitable Trusts. He was a tenured professor of law at Columbia until 2006, and has been a visiting law professor at Yale, Harvard, and Duke. He holds an undergraduate degree from Harvard College, medical and law degrees from Stanford University, and an honorary doctorate from Universite Paris Descartes. He has practice experience in both medicine and law, and in 1993 directed four working groups of the Clinton administration’s Task Force on Health Care Reform.
Fred Sanfilippo, MD, PhD directs the Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program, which has a mission to accelerate innovation in healthcare research, education, and service. For over 30 years he has been an academic leader at Duke, Johns Hopkins, Ohio State and Emory; serving as a division chief, department chair, program/center director, dean, medical center CEO, university senior/executive VP, health system board chair and academic health center CEO. During that time he has led organizational and cultural changes yielding improved academic, clinical, and financial performance at each institution. He also led the creation of the US Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients; Johns Hopkins Medical Labs; a personalized health plan (YP4H) at OSU; and novel departments and centers in areas ranging from biomedical informatics to personalized and integrative health.

Sanfilippo received his BA and MS in physics from the University of Pennsylvania, and his MD and PhD in immunology from Duke, where he also did his residency training, receiving board certification in Anatomic & Clinical Pathology, and Immunopathology.

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