Healthcare Workshop Tweets

On February 24-25, 2015, the FTC and the Department of Justice Antitrust Division held a public workshop titled: Examining Health Care Competition in Washington to study recent developments in health care provider organization and payment models. Staff from the Office of Public Affairs and the Office of Policy Planning live-tweeted the two-day event from the @FTC Twitter account under the hashtag #FTChealthcare.

The following is a transcript of the workshop tweets sent from @FTC. All tweets are in their original order and remain publicly available as long as Twitter allows.

Workshop Tweets

Watching the FTC/DOJ health care competition workshop tomorrow? Tweet #FTChealthcare with your questions! http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8

Happening today at 10:00 am ET: @EdithRamirezFTC kicks off FTC/DOJ health care competition workshop: http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8 #FTChealthcare

Day 1 of joint FTC/DOJ Examining Health Care Competition workshop starts in 5 minutes! Watch here: http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv #FTChealthcare

FTC/DOJ Examining Health Care Competition workshop has started! You can watch live here: http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv #FTChealthcare

Opening Remarks - FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez

Chairwoman @EdithRamirezFTC welcomes attendees to the FTC/DOJ healthcare competition workshop. #FTChealthcare http://t.co/xfPJDG2Ilz

Opening remarks by Chairwoman @EdithRamirezFTC highlight FTC/DOJ continued commitment to promoting health care competition. #FTChealthcare

Remarks by Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel

Now up, a framing presentation by health policy expert Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel. #FTChealthcare http://t.co/hY0yxFfCyz

Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel: Best models often fail. Based on past experience. May not accurately predict future. #FTChealthcare

Hi, he is not using any slides. Thanks! #FTChealthcare
Emanuel predicts data-mining of EMRs will enable real-time quality assessment of providers. Less need for licensing boards? #FTCHealthcare

Panel 1 Tweets


Panelists say network design important cost control tool, but limited research on competitive impact. #FTCHealthcare http://t.co/rwTDjSpSkL

Panelists say information transparency is critical for implementing narrow and tiered networks effectively #FTCHealthcare

#FTCHealthcare workshop will resume in 10 minutes. Check out the agenda: http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8 & watch here: http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv

Panel 2 Tweets

We're back! This panel will discuss early observations regarding health insurance exchanges: http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv #FTCHealthcare

Panelist: New health insurers are on some state health insurance exchanges. How has entry impacted prices? #FTCHealthcare

Panelist: Many insurers offer narrow network plans on the exchanges. What are the implications for consumers and competition? #FTCHealthcare

Hi, unfortunately, panelists didn't get their slides to us in time to upload for webcast. (1/2) #FTCHealthcare

2/2 We will post all the slide presentations as soon as able to our workshop webpage: http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8

Thanks! We hope you tune in tomorrow! #FTCHealthcare

That's wraps up #FTCHealthcare workshop day 1! Will resume again tomorrow at 8:30 am ET. Agenda: http://t.co/8xCr6VXxiG Thx for joining us!

Day 2 Workshop Tweets

Good morning! The #FTCHealthcare workshop will resume soon. See the agenda: http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8 & watch here: http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv
Remarks By William J. Baer, Assistant Attorney General

We're live! William J. Baer, Assistant Attorney General, DOJ, Antitrust Division, will provide opening remarks. #FTChealthcare

Baer highlights importance of anti-tiering/steering provisions, insurance competition, provider consolidation issues. #FTChealthcare

AAG Baer from @TheJusticDept speaks at the FTC/DOJ Examining Health Care Competition Workshop. #FTChealthcare http://t.co/5Ewbjq2d9a

Panel 3 Tweets

The first panel this morning will cover early observations regarding Accountable Care Organizations. #FTChealthcare

ACOs: hear directly from CMS and CMMI experts. Also researchers, providers, payers. #FTChealthcare

ACOs: panelists emphasize importance of changing provider culture - but it's challenging. #FTChealthcare

Next panel: Alternatives to traditional fee-for-service payment models. #FTChealthcare

Different models, different incentives: pay-for-performance, PCMH + non-visit payments, bundled episodes, global payment. #FTChealthcare

Multiple panelists highlight promise of alternative payments. But pilot studies vary on quality, utilization, costs. #FTChealthcare

Panelists enthusiastic about transition from FFS to alternative models, but note many challenges. #FTChealthcare

Panel 4 Tweets

Back from lunch. #FTChealthcare agenda: http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8 & watch here: http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv

Panelists: Medicare payment policies may create incentives for hospital-physician consolidation, regardless of efficiencies #FTChealthcare

Panel: What happens when providers & payers consolidate? Lessons from history + looking ahead. #FTChealthcare
Consolidation: "The ACA made me do it" is not valid, say panelists -- even if providers perceive otherwise. #FTChealthcare

Closing Tweets

FTC/DOJ’s Examining Health Care Competition Workshop is wrapping up now. Thanks for everyone who followed online! #FTChealthcare

As a reminder, we will post links to workshop slides, transcripts, and video archive here: http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8 #FTChealthcare

We will accept public comments about FTC/DOJ health care competition workshop until April 30, 2015: http://t.co/gFykffWpdg #FTChealthcare