

## 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? #FTHealthcare

### Panel 1 Tweets

Panel 1: Provider Network Design, Contracting Practices, & Regulatory Activity. Agenda: <http://t.co/8xCr6VFWr8> Watch: <http://t.co/JdzHutB6Rv>

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

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

#FTHealthcare 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> #FTHealthcare

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

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

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

██████████ 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! #FTHealthcare

That's wraps up #FTHealthcare 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 #FTHealthcare 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. #FTHealthcare

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

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

### Panel 3 Tweets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Panel 4 Tweets

Back from lunch. #FTHealthcare 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 #FTHealthcare

Panel: What happens when providers & payers consolidate? Lessons from history + looking ahead. #FTHealthcare

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