



Commission on Native Children

March 31, 2023

11 am – 1 pm AKT/1 – 3 pm MT/2 – 4 pm CT/3 – 5 pm ET

Virtual Hearing: Medicaid and other Third Party Payers and Improved Access to Health

This panel will examine trends in Medicaid and other Third Party Payers to expand services for Native children and youth in tribal programs. The Indian Health System is woefully underfunded and severely limits access to physical, mental and behavioral health services for Alaska Native and American Indian children and families, whether direct delivery services or Indian Self-Determination Act contracts or compacts. However, other funding sources such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Veterans' Benefits and private insurers can supplement the I.H.S. funds so that tribal providers can expand the scope and extent of the services they provide. The panelists will provide practice-based, academic and research perspectives on opportunities and challenges to improve health outcomes for Native children and families with innovative payment options.

- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Invocation (3 minutes) Called upon
- Review of Commission Norms (2 minutes) Chair O'Neill

The Commission will adhere to the following norms in all interactions:

- To incorporate ceremony and/or prayer to begin each meeting
- To recognize and celebrate what is working
- To respect all ideas
- To be mindful of each person's own behavior and reactions so as not to repeat trauma behaviors
- To promote healing
- To ensure there is a community-organized closing event at hearings
- To treat others as they want to be treated



Tricia Brooks, MBA, is a Research Professor at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Children and Families (CCF), a nonpartisan policy and research center whose mission is to expand and improve health coverage for children and families. At CCF, Ms. Brooks focuses on eligibility, enrollment, program administration, and the quality of health care relating to Medicaid and CHIP coverage for children and families. Prior to joining CCF, she served as the founding chief executive officer of New Hampshire Healthy Kids, a legislatively-created non-profit corporation that administered the state's CHIP program and managed the Medicaid and CHIP consumer assistance hub. Ms.

Brooks was appointed for a second term by the Comptroller General to the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), an independent commission that advises Congress on issues affecting Medicaid and CHIP. She has also served as faculty or as a technical advisory group member on a variety of initiatives associated with advancing Medicaid and CHIP coverage for children and low-income families at the national level. Ms. Brooks holds a Master of Business Administration from Suffolk University and is a 15-year veteran at CCF.

James H.T. Tan, MD, MPH, MBA
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James H.T. Tan, MD, MPH, MBA serves as one of the organization's leading experts in Medicaid and Medicare and plays a pivotal role in physician leadership within the organization. He has a keen understanding of the critical relationship between insurers and physician groups.

A business executive with over 35 years of experience in health care delivery and insurance and medical management, Dr. Tan has experience in a variety of clinical environments, as well as in corporate, non-profit, and academic medical settings.

His experience includes working as a family medicine physician in private practice in Hawaii, building and leading a department of family medicine for Kaiser Permanente in California, leading medical staff and quality improvement processes for a hospital, then a managed care organization, then a health plan in New York, to serving as senior vice president and national medical director for Amerigroup Corporation, a managed care company based in Virginia.

Dr. Tan has presented and published on quality management and measurement, managed care, government programs such as Medicaid, and managing patients with complex medical needs. He is a long-time physician surveyor for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the independent non-profit that accredits health plans and medical providers and practices. He has served on the Review Oversight Committee (ROC) of NCQA and currently on the Reconsideration Committee. When NCQA sponsored the PCMH (Patient Centered Medical Home) Congress, he was an active member of its Steering Committee.

Dr. Tan received his Bachelor of Arts, Doctor of Medicine, and Master of Public Health degrees from Loma Linda University and his Master of Business Administration from University of Redlands. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a member of the American Association of Physician Leaders.