

## Health Care Entities Expert Panel

### Highlights of the August 6, 2014, Conference Call



The Health Care Expert Panel serves the needs of AICPA members on financial and business reporting and audit and attest matters. The expert panel protects the public interest by bringing together knowledgeable parties in the health care industry to deliberate and come to agreement on key health care issues.

#### I. Panel Projects

- 2014 Edition of the Health Care Guide. The Panel was updated about the status of the review of the conforming changes that have been drafted for the 2014 edition of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide Health Care Entities (Health Care Guide). The Health Care Guide is scheduled to become available in November/December.
- 2014/15 Edition of the Health Care Alert. The Panel was updated about the status of the timeline for the 2014/15 edition of the annual AICPA Audit Risk Alert Health Care Industry Developments (Audit Risk Alert). The Audit Risk Alert is scheduled to become available in December.
- 2014 Healthcare Industry Conference. The Panel was updated about the status of the conference marketing initiatives from a Conference Marketing Manager at CPA.com, including the marketing efforts specific to the Affordable Care Act track—a fifth track that has been added this year—within the conference. This year's conference is scheduled to be held November 6–7 in Las Vegas, NV.
- Revenue Recognition Project. The Panel received an update about the progress of the AICPA's Healthcare Revenue Recognition Task Force (RRTF) as it works through the list of [potential implementation issues](#) and develops the healthcare chapter of a new AICPA Revenue Recognition guide. The RRTF is developing estimated timelines by which it expects to begin submitting draft implementation issues for comment to the AICPA Revenue Recognition Working Group and the AICPA's Financial Reporting Executive Committee.

#### II. FASB's Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities Project

- The Panel briefly discussed the FASB's standard-setting project, the objective of which is to reexamine existing standards for financial statement presentation by not-for-profit entities, focusing on improving net asset classification requirements and information provided in financial statements and notes about liquidity, financial performance, and cash flows. The Panel agreed that it would be beneficial to discuss industry-specific issues more thoroughly

in the next several weeks, in advance of an expected proposed Accounting Standards Update that might be released for comment later this year.

### III. Panel Member Participation in U.S. Senate Special Committee Roundtable Discussion

- Steve Stang, Panel member and a partner at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in Charlotte, N.C., where he leads the firm's healthcare assurance practice, participated on behalf of the AICPA in the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging's [roundtable meeting](#) on Medicare audits on July 9. Other attendees included representatives from the American Hospital Association, the Government Accountability Office, healthcare providers, Medicare oversight contractors, and the durable medical equipment sector. The purpose of the meeting, titled "Improving Audits: How We Can Strengthen the Medicare Program for Future Generations," was to discuss the nature and effectiveness of the Medicare program's efforts to reduce improper payments at a time when an increase in audits required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has not translated into a reduction of improper payments. The Aging Committee's bipartisan [staff report](#) released on July 9 found a greater than 1 in 10 error rate, which cost the program more than \$50 billion in fiscal year 2013 alone. Mr. Stang offered suggested improvements for consideration, which largely align with those made by the staff report.

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