

HJR 20 Study: Price Transparency
Panel Discussion: Reimbursement and Pricing
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Background

The HJR 20 Subcommittee will hear about reimbursement and pricing from the perspectives of four speakers who represent:

- hospitals;
- federally qualified health centers; and
- other payer types.

The panelists have been asked to specifically address the following questions:

1. What is your payer mix—self-pay, commercial insurance, BlueCross/BlueShield, CHAMPUS, Indian Public Health, Worker’s Compensation, Medicaid, and Medicare?
2. Which reimbursements cover the actual cost of services?
3. How are reimbursement rates set?
4. How do contracts between insurers and health care providers affect reimbursements to providers? Cost of insurance premiums?
5. How do government reimbursement rates affect private insurer rates?
6. How are prices set? What is included in a price?
7. Why do patients pay different prices for the same health care service?