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Fellowship Placement: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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Gregg Warshaw, M.D. is an academic family physician/geriatrician, and pioneering advocate for improving the training of physicians and other professionals to care for older adults. Dr. Warshaw is the director of the Geriatric Medicine Program at the University of Cincinnati (UC) College of Medicine. He is a professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Martha Betty Semmons Professor of Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Warshaw received his medical training at the University of Michigan, and further residency and fellowship training at Duke University, The University of North Carolina, and at Edinburgh University in Scotland. He joined the University of Cincinnati faculty in 1985, after four years as an assistant professor and director of the Geriatric Medicine Program in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University. From 1985 – 2014, Dr. Warshaw served as the medical director of Maple Knoll Village, a continuing care retirement community in Springdale, Ohio. He is a past president of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP). Dr. Warshaw's academic interests include geriatric medicine education, clinical care of Alzheimer's disease, integrated care models for low-income elderly, and the long-term care/acute care interface. From 2001 -2012, he co-directed the AGS/ADGAP Geriatric Medicine Physician Workforce Study. He has authored more than 100 articles and book chapters related to geriatric medicine and gerontology.

### **Health and Aging Policy Fellows Profile**

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### **HAPF Fellowship Q&A**

*Describe your HAPF fellowship placement(s):*

My HAPF experience was organized around two placements:

- 1) Community Catalyst – a Boston based organization dedicated to organizing and sustaining a powerful consumer voice to influence policy related to health care. Their Ohio partner is the Universal Health Care Action Network – Ohio, an Ohio based organization dedicated to ensuring access to high quality, affordable care for all Ohioans. My project was both state-based and I also worked with the Community Catalyst Washington DC office. The focus of this work was partnering with consumer advocates to build a geriatrics provider network to monitor and enhance the implementation of state-based; CMS MMCO integrated health demonstrations for dual eligible beneficiaries.
- 2) Division of Chronic and Post-Acute Care, Quality Measurement and Health Assessment Group, Center of Clinical Standards and Quality, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services – in this placement I completed a CMS IPA and worked in collaboration with a team developing standardized quality measures for post-acute and HCBS that focus on function and follow the patient across settings. My work involved providing additional clinical rationale for this CMS endeavor.

*What are some of the most important new skills/knowledge that you learned during your placement?*

I began the fellowship with very little knowledge about organized consumer health care advocacy, CMS, or health care quality measurement. I now understand the role of consumer advocacy in not only policy development, but also in ensuring consumer involvement in the implementation of new health care programs. I've experienced the synergistic influence of combining consumer and provider advocacy efforts. I have a better understanding of the organization and workings of CMS, and have seen first-hand the quality and dedication of the CMS staff. Finally, I am developing a working knowledge of the complex area of health care quality measurement and the urgent need to improve the available quality and outcome measures.

*How would you assess the impact you had at your fellowship placement?*

My increase in knowledge and awareness of national and state efforts in health care policy cannot be overstated. The HAPF has increased my confidence in navigating the health policy world in Washington and Ohio. I've also learned about a variety of other Health and Aging topics through contact with my cohort and past of HAPF fellows. The Congressional Fellowship core training was an amazing advanced civics lesson, which was a special opportunity to better understand our political system.

*How has the HAPF Fellowship influenced your current work and career path?*

I entered the fellowship with plans to shift the focus of my future academic work to include a larger emphasis on health policy and system reform. In 2015, I will be pursuing a new academic position and I am looking forward to making this change. In 2014-2015 will continue my work with Community Catalyst and closely follow the efforts of my CMS colleagues.