Wednesday Seminars

Michael Gillespie, Wakely

Michael Gillespie, FSA, MAAA has worked in Wakely's Atlanta office since 2016, bringing almost 15 years of healthcare consulting experience. He oversees Wakely's Medicare Advantage practice and has experience with MA bid development and certification, pricing, risk adjustment, reimbursement, and financial forecasting. He has extensive knowledge and experience related to Part D strategy, dual enrollment plans, and revenue cycle management. Michael supports a broad variety of risk-bearing entities in the Medicare Advantage space, including regional and national payers, provider groups, and vendors.

Haitham Aly, Oliver Wyman

Haitham is a Principal with Oliver Wyman based out of Atlanta, GA. He is one of the leaders in the OW Medicare practice with over 15 years of experience focused in Medicare Advantage. Haitham has deep experience in Medicare Advantage and Part D pricing, strategy and risk adjustment helping clients with Medicare bid certification, product design strategy and financial/operational lever improvement. He also specializes in value-based care where he's supported both payors and providers in advising on VBC strategies, performance evaluations and contracting.

Jennifer Carioto, Milliman

Jennifer Carioto specializes in Medicare Advantage, Part D, health plan, and pharmaceutical consulting. She has extensive experience certifying Part C and Part D bids, feasibility studies, and Part D forecasting and settlement analyses. She advises health plans on financial reporting, risk-based capital, and surplus projections. She also works with pharmaceutical manufacturers on market access strategy and assessing the regulatory and financial impacts of changes in the pharmacy market.

Taylor Gehrke, Wakely

Taylor Gehrke, FSA, CERA, MAAA has a decade of experience in individual and small group pricing, risk adjustment, and healthcare reform modeling. He partners with health plans and policy stakeholders to translate regulatory change, such as 1332 waivers and evolving federal and state guidance, into market-ready pricing strategies, competitive product portfolios, and compliant filings. Mr. Gehrke also led an individual pricing team at UnitedHealthcare and coordinated key filing functions across teams to translate diverse business and operational inputs into actuarially sound pricing decisions while navigating the complexities of a large national insurer. His clients include traditional insurers and provider-sponsored plans.

Ryan Schultz, Oliver Wyman

Ryan Schultz, FSA, MAAA, is a Principal and Consulting Actuary with Oliver Wyman, with over 23 years of experience in the health insurance industry. He specializes in actuarial and strategic consulting for commercial health insurers, with a particular focus on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Individual and Small Group markets. His expertise includes health insurance pricing, regulatory rate filings, modeling the impact of legislative and regulatory changes, and financial forecasting. Ryan also is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Benjamin Diner, Milliman

Benjamin Diner is a consulting actuary with the New York office of Milliman. Benjamin works on ACA pricing and Medicare Advantage bid development, in addition to work in life sciences such as market access research and payment model development

Jon Roy, KPMG

Jonathan is an actuarial Director with over 13 years of experience in life and annuity reinsurance and consulting. He specializes in actuarial modeling – building, transforming, validating and reconciling models – and leads engagements end to end, from scoping through delivery. His work spans principle-based reserving (PBR, including VM-22), Statutory, US GAAP (LDTI), Bermuda capital reporting (BSCR) and FP&A projections, across a broad range of life and annuity products including fixed indexed annuities, pension risk transfer, universal life, term, whole life and GICs. Jonathan brings structure and rigor to complex model conversions, making sure results tie back to legacy systems and can be clearly explained to finance, risk and regulatory stakeholders. More recently, he has been using AI-assisted development to build automated controls and validation tools that speed up valuation and projection processes, while keeping results repeatable, reviewable and audit-ready.

Kirsten Kruger, KPMG

Kirsten Kruger is a life insurance actuary specializing in model development and process improvement with a focus on modernizing actuarial workflows through scalable analytics and AI. She's recently used Databricks and other AI tools to build reporting dashboards that turn financial data into clear, actionable insights. Her experience ranges from valuation to model conversions to AI governance to regulation implementations and beyond.

Will Gregson, WTW

Will Gregson specializes in life and annuity actuarial modeling and consulting. He has extensive experience developing, validating, and converting actuarial models across multiple platforms, including Risk Agility FM, AXIS, and R. His work includes pricing and valuation for universal life, fixed indexed annuity, multi-year guaranteed annuity, and registered index-linked annuity products. He also supports mergers and acquisitions, financial reporting modernization, and actuarial model development initiatives. Will is a Manager at WTW and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

Thursday Speakers

Pooja Gattu, KPMG
Pooja is a Healthcare Actuary at KPMG with 10+ years of experience across health, insurance, government, and research areas with experience including modernization of insurance technology, pricing, reserving, and contribution/rate setting. Pooja provides audit and advisory services to the health insurance and health care industries, specializing in reporting modernization for health payors on the commercial side and value-based care implementation in the government space.

Bryan Lindsley, Fortitude Re
Bryan is the Chief Life and Annuity Actuary at Fortitude Re, responsible for all aspects of Fortitude's in-force L&A business. Previously, he led their actuarial modeling team and remains closely involved in advancing the technology, modeling, and analytics capabilities that support the business. Previously he was a Principal at Oliver Wyman.

Sam Taylor, UNUM
Sam Taylor is Director of Long-Term Care Wellness Programs at Unum, where he leads the development of innovative programs focused on healthy aging, independence, and member engagement. His background spans healthcare strategy, consulting, and work with Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He earned his MBA from Vanderbilt University, specializing in healthcare and strategy.

Brian Pauley, Canada Life Re
Brian Pauley is a health actuary with over 20 years of experience in health pricing and reinsurance functions. He is Vice President, Business Development for Canada Life Reinsurance's health structured reinsurance solution. He is also a certified leadership speaker, trainer, and coach with the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team.

Chris Arvia, Hannover Life Reassurance Company of America

Kerry Hindsley, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
Kerry Hindsley has over 30 years of health actuarial experience, including 23 years working with integrated health systems. He has experience in Commercial, Medicare, Medicaid, valuation, economic capital, forecasting, and other actuarial work. For the last 18 years Kerry has worked for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan as the lead actuary for the Ohio and Georgia plans, and has recent experience with ACA, risk adjustment, and premium deficiency reserves.

Heather Gordon, Fortitude Re

Heather Gordon is Vice President, Financial Reporting and Controls at Fortitude Re, where she leads efforts focused on financial reporting standards, process automation, and strengthening controls while driving greater efficiency and scalability. With over 30 years of experience in valuation and financial reporting, Heather has held a variety of leadership roles supporting complex insurance and reinsurance organizations; passionate about helping teams navigate change, improve processes, and deliver high-quality results in demanding environments.

Mike Prendes, Unum

Michael Prendes, FSA, MAAA, is an actuarial leader at Unum Group with experience across valuation, pricing, product management, financial planning, and actuarial consulting. In his current role, he oversees key valuation and financial reporting responsibilities while advancing the modernization of actuarial modeling, analytics, controls, and operating processes. Mike is particularly focused on developing strong teams and building scalable actuarial capabilities that support better business decisions.

Andy Large, Wakely

Andy Large, FSA, CERA, MAAA, joined Wakely Consulting Group, LLC, an HMA Company, in March 2026 and is aligned with the Atlanta office, working remotely from Franklin, TN. He returned to Wakely after three and a half years working from Humbi AI, a Value-Based Care healthtech company that operates under the Innovaccer umbrella. His previous client projects at Wakely included commercial rate filings, reserving, and year-end work, as well as Medicare Advantage and Part D bids. Andy has worked with Blues plans as well as regional carriers, hospital systems, CO-OPs, ACOs, and universities in performing these duties. He has contributed to the development of firm-wide tools for multiple organizations as both a lead and team member and has also presented on ACA related topics at several industry meetings, including the SOA Health Meeting, and SOA Annual Meeting. During his recent time at Humbi, Andy led multiple engagements in the VBC space, including providing strategic and financial support for several MSSP and REACH ACOs and specialty care providers. He continues to focus on Value Based Care and ACO work in his current role and is heavily involved with CMS policy work and internal tools and products relating to Alternative Payment Models. Andy has been in the industry since 2007 and has been working as a consultant since 2012.

Todd Ray, BCBS TN

Todd Ray is senior vice president of government programs for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. He oversees the company's government business divisions including the Medicare, Medicaid, and the Duals lines of businesses and is responsible for the overall profit and loss and operations of these segments.

Li Liu, Fortitude Re

Li Liu is a Vice President in Enterprise Risk Management at Fortitude Re, where he oversees assumption governance and Life & Annuity insurance risks. His responsibilities span risk identification, stress testing and reporting across Fortitude Re's US and Japan business reinsured to Bermuda. Li brings 18 years of enterprise risk management and actuarial experience. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and holds a PhD in Biomedical Science, which informs his work on longevity and mortality improvement.

Before joining Fortitude Re, Li worked at Prudential Financial in insurance risk management, where he led industry-recognized research on mortality and longevity risks. Earlier in his career, he worked at Guardian Life across a range of insurance products. Li is based in Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Will Mitchell, Moodys

Will Mitchell has been at Moody's for 9 years, specializing in actuarial modeling and AXIS client support for the annuity module. His recent work includes VM-22, annuity reinsurance, and index annuity modeling. Will previously worked at The Standard, and lives in Portland, Oregon.

JK Wang, Trident Actuarial Services

JK Wang is founder and consulting actuary at Trident Actuarial Services, with a focus on delivering actuarial modeling solutions. He spent more than 15 years in actuarial modeling area for life, annuity and health products. His recent work includes VM-22 work for early adopter and US GAAP LDTI.

Friday Speakers

Ed Lee, Academy of American Actuaries

Ed Lee serves as the American Academy of Actuaries' Director of Professionalism and Counsel to the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD). Since 2019, he has advised the ABCD on its mission to support the actuarial profession's system of self-regulation by providing guidance to actuaries, investigating potential violations of the Code of Professional Conduct, and helping foster professionalism throughout the profession. A frequent speaker for actuarial organizations, conferences, employers, and professionalism courses, Lee regularly presents on the ABCD's role and ethical decision-making. Prior to joining the Academy, he served as a Judge Advocate (JAG) officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Sarah Hellems, Milliman

Sarah Hellems, FSA, MAAA, CERA, is a Life Sciences Consulting Actuary at Milliman with more than 14 years of experience in pharmacy economics, drug pricing strategy, and risk modeling. She uses actuarial modeling to help pharmacy benefit managers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and health plans navigate the complexities of drug pricing and an evolving regulatory landscape. Her work includes evaluating how legislative and regulatory changes affect pharmacy benefit economics, drug pricing, and financial risk.

Brian Holland, FinRisk Analytics

Brian is a principal at FinRisk Analytics LLC, a boutique consultancy specializing in financial analytics. He currently chairs the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Individual Life Experience Committee (ILEC).

His past experience spans global reinsurance coordination for IFRS, Embedded Value, and Economic Capital; U.S. Asset Adequacy Opinion and X-Factor analysis; assumption development, valuation, solvency management, experience studies, and pricing for life, A&H, and annuity products; and data management and projections for hundreds of reinsurance treaties for earnings analysis and projections.

Brian has actively contributed to industry research and development through other volunteer roles, including the Individual Disability Experience Committee, the sixth SOA Long-Term Care Intercompany Study, the Valuation Basic Table, the American Academy of Actuaries (AAA) Individual Disability Table Working Group, and the AAA's Life and Health Valuation Law Manual.