CMS 101: Introduction to the Use of Medicare Data for Research
All times Central Time (CT)

Day 1

9:45 **CT**	Virtual meeting space opens
10:00	Introductions, objectives, overview
10:15	Segment A: Educational Objectives; Introduction to ResDAC's Structure; and Content of the Medicare Program – *Beth Virnig*
11:15	Segment B: Claims Data: Source and Processing – *Nathan Shippee*
12:00	**Lunch**
12:30	Segment C: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges of using Medicare Data – *Nathan Shippee*
1:30	Segment D: Sources and Use of Medicare Enrollment Information: The Master Beneficiary Summary File – *Beth Virnig*
2:45	Segment E: Introduction to Tomorrow's Exercises
3:00	**Adjourn**

Day 2

9:45 **CT**	Virtual meeting space opens
10:00	Segment F: Hospitalization Information in Inpatient file and the MedPAR – *Stephanie Jarosek*
11:15	Segment G: Interactive Exercise – Using the MBSF and MedPAR Files
12:00	**Break**
12:30	Segment H: Using the Carrier File and Outpatient Files – *Beth Virnig*
2:00	Segment I: Interactive Exercise –Outpatient and Carrier Files
3:00	**Adjourn**

Day 3

9:45 **CT**	Virtual meeting space opens
10:00	Segment J: Identifying Beneficiaries with Comorbidities and Chronic Conditions – *Nathan Shippee*
11:00	Segment K: Understanding Economic Variables in the Medicare Claims Files – *Peter Huckfeldt*
12:00	**Lunch**
1:00	Segment L: Creating an Analytic File – *Samantha Saykao*
2:00	Segment M: Putting it all together from idea to design and request – *Beth Virnig*
2:30	Final Q & A
3:00	**Adjourn**