



# Quantitative Methods Core Methods Seminars

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**  
**12:00-1:00pm**

**Albert Sherman Center, AS9.2072**

**“Bundled Payments for Joint Replacement in Medicare:  
The Future of Payment Reform?”**

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In April 2016, Medicare implemented Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR), a mandatory bundled payment model for inpatient lower extremity joint replacements (LEJR) of the hip and knee in Medicare beneficiaries. The CJR program represents a controversial experiment in Medicare. In contrast to the voluntary approach typical of other alternative payment models, CJR is the first national payment model with mandatory participation implemented as a randomized experiment. Using national Medicare claims data, we compared changes in spending, quality and patient selection in the first 18 months of the program among patients receiving LEJR procedures in metropolitan areas randomized to the new bundled payment model versus control areas. I will discuss the CJR program in the context of the larger movement towards bundled payments and future directions in payment reform.

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Lunch will be provided, please RSVP to Sandra Manning ([Sandra.manning@umassmed.edu](mailto:Sandra.manning@umassmed.edu))