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## Academy Fellow Appointed to MedPAC

**WASHINGTON** – American Academy of Nursing (AAN) Fellow Mary Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN, was among four new members appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) last week, joining Katherine Baicker, PhD; Scott Armstrong, and Cori Uccello, FSA, MAAA, FCA. She will add a unique perspective to the prestigious commission, which blends diverse expertise on the finances and the delivery of health care.

Naylor will serve on the commission until April 2013, and she will complement AAN Fellow Jennie Chin Hansen, MSN, RN, FAAN, as nursing leaders with deep expertise in innovation.

“We are pleased with the commission’s selection and are confident that Dr. Naylor’s world-class research ability, expertise, and zest will set in motion advances in health policy and improvements in quality,” said AAN CEO Pat Ford-Roegner, MSW, RN, FAAN. “Nurses are increasingly at the center of delivering and coordinating care for Medicare patients, and she understands the importance of nurse-led solutions that meet the public’s needs.”

Naylor, a Fellow since 1986, is the Marion S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and Director at the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is also one of the Academy’s most decorated Edge Runners, a name given to nursing’s most accomplished innovators who have designed or lead models of care that demonstrate proven solutions and outcomes.

Edge Runners are the centerpiece of AAN’s [Raise the Voice](#) campaign. Findings from Naylor’s [Transitional Care Model](#) for the frail elderly showed improved quality of care for patients and substantially decreased health care costs. The model effectively utilizes advanced practice nurses to help ensure that high-risk patients enjoy a smooth transition from hospital care to home care.

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