

IEEE ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY SEATTLE CHAPTER & STUDENT CLUB AT UW

Present a seminar on

State of Medical Insurance in Washington and Aging Population Needs

Featuring



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Beth Berendt has over 27 years of experience in employee benefits purchasing for both public and private purchasers, as well as, insurance financing and regulation. She was the Employee Benefits Vendor Accounts Manager for

Microsoft Corp where she negotiated and managed contracts for the company’s employee benefits programs. She also served for six years as Assistant Administrator for Health Plan Management for the Washington State Health Care Authority where she was responsible for the procurement and management of all employee benefit and managed care contracts for the Public Employees Benefits Board and Basic Health Plan Programs. While at the Health Care Authority she had executive responsibility for the primary health care grants to Community Clinics in Washington and the Agency’s communications division.

“We live in a time when medical costs are growing seemingly without bound, and concurrently the “baby boomer” population is beginning to swell the ranks of people who exceed 60 years of age.

Our society faces critical questions regarding the best use of technology for promoting factors along the spectrum from quantity of life to quality of life. Changes are in process in Washington State law regarding medical insurance, and we will review the “state of medical insurance in Washington State” in our ongoing focus on factors that drive better engineering for the aging population with an aim of affordable and effective healthcare.”



**Wednesday, May 9th, 2007
5:30 - 7:00PM (program)**



Room N130A, William H. Foege Building

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Snacks and refreshments will be provided