

## ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

### Instructions

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1. Given Name (First Name) Neeraj	2. Surname (Last Name) Sood	3. Date 22-May-2019
4. Are you the corresponding author?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Corresponding Author's Name _____
5. Manuscript Title Quality of care in Medicare Advantage versus traditional Medicare		
6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) M19-1599		

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Name of Institution/Company	Grant?	Personal Fees?	Non-Financial Support?	Other?	Comments
National Institutes of Health- NIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant No. R01 AG-046838

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National Institutes of Health- NIDDK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Department of Health and Human Services- ASPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AHRQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Patient Safety Grant Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RAND Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Urban Institute	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AARP Policy Institute	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I received travel expenses to attend a policy forum.

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