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We attended the 2016 NIC Fall Conference from September 14-16 in the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC.

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## 2016 NIC FALL CONFERENCE - HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. SNF operators are under pressure from **hospitals to track Medicare A results** including re-admits, outcomes, length of stays. Early adopters will have strong Medical Directors, openly communicate with hospitals, and share data.
- **2.** CMS is shifting from a **Fee-For-Service model to a Value-Based** model. Medicare Advantage is now 32% of the market and CMS has a targeted goal of 50% alternate Medicare A payments by 2018.
- **3. Medicare Star Ratings** are often used by ACOs to define which SNFs can be in their Medicare A referral network. Traditional SNF / hospital relationships will fade.
- **4.** The **silver wave** (baby boomers born 1946-1964) will begin turning 75 in 2021 (in 5 more years). By 2029, the last round of silver wave to reach age 65+ will have increased a whopping 73%.
- **5.** Although demand is increasing, the **existing nursing staff will also start retiring**, so a quality nursing workface will be a challenge.
- **6.** Transaction volume is down in 2016 but asset pricing has been stable.
- 7. In mid-2013, **REITs** were trading at premiums and had a low cost of capital which drove transactions. Public REITs often decline to sell stock to raise capital due to the risk of diluting the REIT's stock.
- **8. Portfolios do command a price premium** as the sheer size of the opportunity is enough to demand the premium from large investors.
- 9. Analysts reminded the industry that "Price is a Fact while Value is an Opinion". Price and Value often vary.
- **10.** Accurately estimating the **Intangible Value remains a vexing industry issue for lenders.** Some lenders apply a 75% LTV for the total asset value, but others set different LTVs for the components of value: 75% RE; 50% FF&E; 25% Intangible.



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