

Paying for sequential stays and aligning regulatory requirements in a unified payment system for post-acute care

ISSUE: In response to a Congressional mandate (the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014), in 2016 the Commission recommended the features of a prospective payment system (PPS) spanning the four post-acute care (PAC) settings and considered the effects of moving to such a system. In 2017, the Commission examined implementation issues, including when a PAC PPS could be implemented, whether to include a transition, and the level of payments.

This year, the Commission continues to examine implementation issues, focusing on accurate payment for sequential PAC stays and the alignment of regulatory requirements across settings.

KEY POINTS: This presentation outlines the work planned over the year.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the planned analyses.