

Redesigning Medicare's hospital value incentive programs

ISSUE: The Medicare program currently adjusts hospital payment based on four complex and overlapping quality payment and reporting programs.

KEY POINTS: We review the existing hospital quality payment programs. We then examine potential design, quality and value measures and scoring methodology options to use in a new hospital value incentive program that is patient-oriented, encourages coordination across providers and time, and promotes change in the delivery system.

ACTION: Commissioners should be prepared to discuss this material to inform the next analytic steps.