

Mandated report: Telehealth services and the Medicare program

ISSUE: The Commission has been mandated by Congress through the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016 to report on the extent to which the Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) program and commercial insurance plans cover telehealth services, and ways in which the telehealth coverage policies of commercial insurance plans might be incorporated into Medicare FFS. The report is due by March 15, 2018.

KEY POINTS: These mailing materials combine the telehealth information presented to the Commission at its September, October, and November 2017 public meetings. We anticipate including this draft chapter in the Commission's March 2018 report to Congress.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback on the report in its entirety in preparation for its inclusion in the March report to Congress.