

Assessing payment adequacy: Home health care services

ISSUE: Each year MedPAC assesses the adequacy of current payments and develops an update recommendation for home health.

KEY POINTS: In this paper we provide information to inform the Commission's discussion of the update for home health services in 2012. We will examine data on access to care (supply of providers and service utilization), quality of care, providers' access to capital, and Medicare payments and costs. The paper also offers potential policies that would improve the accuracy of the case-mix system, beneficiary cost sharing, and program integrity.

ACTION: The Commissioners should review the findings and be prepared to discuss.

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