

The Medicare Advantage program: Status update, and employer bid and hospice policies

ISSUE: We present the annual status update of the MA program. We also continue our examination of two issues affecting the Medicare Advantage (MA) program: bidding and payment rules for employer group plans in MA, and hospice coverage for MA enrollees.

KEY POINTS: We present findings on the status of the MA program, including enrollment, access to plans, payments and quality indicators. We report on the results of our continuing examination of the two issues areas and options to address the issues.

ACTION: Commissioners will provide comments on the material and discuss the direction of any additional work on these issues.

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