

Perspectives on physician resource use measurement

ISSUE: How do organizations that engage in physician resource use measurement use the results? How do they report that information back to physicians? How do physicians respond to such reporting?

KEY POINTS: In its March 2005 report, the Commission recommended that CMS use Medicare claims data to measure physician resource use and share the results confidentially with physicians on an educational basis. The Commission is also working on implementation issues on how to use episode data for Medicare and how to communicate results to physicians. At this meeting, three speakers will provide their experiences on physician resource use measurement and the reporting of these results to physicians.

The speakers are:

- **Dr. William Taylor**, Medical Director, Midwest Region, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas
- **Dr. Eric Nielsen**, Chief Medical Officer, The Greater Rochester Independent Practice Association
- **Tammie Lindquist**, Vice President of Strategic Health Informatics, HealthPartners

ACTION: The panelists will answer questions about their experience in measuring physician resource use, the ways in which they use the data, how they report those results back to physicians, and how physicians respond to such reports. Commissioners can then discuss the implications of the presentations for Medicare. This discussion will guide staff work on this topic for the 2006 report cycle.

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