

Physician resource use measurement: next steps

ISSUE: To assess providers' relative efficiency, Medicare needs to be able to measure both their quality and resource use. This work plan advances MedPAC's efforts to explore resource use measurement for physicians.

KEY POINTS: MedPAC has recommended that CMS measure physicians' resource use and report it confidentially back to them. We are proposing additional research to allow us to better assess the validity of episode of care measurement tools and the feasibility of their use with Medicare data.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide their feedback on the content and scope of the proposed work plan.

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