MEDPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEETING BRIEF

December 10-11, 2009

Payment Adequacy Assessment: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

ISSUE: Are payments for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) adequate? How should payments for fiscal year 2011 be updated?

KEY POINTS: We examine the following factors using the most recent available data to assess whether Medicare payments for IRFs are adequate:

- supply of facilities and occupancy rates
- volume of services and beneficiaries' access to care
- quality
- access to capital
- payments and costs

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings and discuss the draft recommendation, which will be presented at the meeting.

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