MEDPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEETING BRIEF

December 15-16, 2011

Assessing payment adequacy: Home health care services

ISSUE: Each year MedPAC assesses the adequacy of current payments to home health agencies and makes a recommendation regarding payment updates for the next year. The key questions are: current payments for home health adequate? How should payments change in 2013?

KEY POINTS: This paper provides information to inform the Commission's discussion of the payment update for home health services in 2013. 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.

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

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