MEDPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEETING BRIEF

January 13–14, 2011

Assessing payment adequacy: Updating payments for hospice services

ISSUE: Are Medicare's payments for hospice services adequate? How should payments be changed in 2012?

KEY POINTS: We will examine information about the adequacy of current hospice payments including: 1) beneficiaries' access to care as measured by the supply of providers and changes in the volume of services, 2) quality of care, 3) access to capital, and 4) Medicare's payments and costs in 2008.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss and then vote on the draft recommendation.

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