MEDPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEETING BRIEF

December 15-16, 2011

Assessing payment adequacy: Long-term care hospital services

ISSUE: Are Medicare's payments for long-term care hospital (LTCH) services adequate? How should payments be changed in 2013?

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will review information about the adequacy of current aggregate LTCH payments. We will look at information about: beneficiaries' access to care, the supply of LTCHs, changes in the volume of services furnished, quality of care, providers' access to capital, and Medicare's payments and costs.

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

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