

## **Adequacy of payments for long-term care hospital services**

**ISSUE:** Are Medicare's payments for long-term care hospital (LTCH) services adequate? How should payments be changed in 2010?

**KEY POINTS:** At this meeting, we will review information presented in December about the adequacy of current aggregate LTCH payments. We will consider information about: 1) the supply of LTCHs; 2) changes in the volume of services furnished; 3) beneficiaries' access to care; 4) quality of care; 5) providers' access to capital; and 6) Medicare's payments and costs.

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

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