

## **MIPPA Medicare Advantage payment report**

**ISSUE:** This session discusses the first steps we have taken on the Medicare Advantage payment report that was mandated in the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA).

**KEY POINTS** Section 169 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) requires a MedPAC study and report on Medicare Advantage (MA) payments. The Commission is directed to study the correlation between MA plan costs to deliver the Parts A and B benefits and county-level per capita spending under fee-for-service Medicare. The provision also requires MedPAC to evaluate CMS's measurement of county-level spending. Staff will present some preliminary analysis. The report is due March 2010.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should provide comments on the initial analysis and any additional guidance.

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