

## **MIPPA update: Summary of Medicare Advantage provisions in the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008**

**ISSUE:** This session will summarize the Medicare Advantage (MA) sections of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA), which became law this summer.

**KEY POINTS:** MIPPA makes several changes in the MA program. Beginning in 2010, MA benchmarks are changed and there are new requirements for private fee-for-service plans that are likely to curtail their growth. MIPPA extends special needs plans (SNPs) through 2010, while adding several new requirements. CBO estimates that the MA provisions will save \$13.6 billion over 5 years, and \$48.7 billion over 10 years. The Act also mandates two MedPAC reports on MA due March 2010.

**ACTION:** Staff will present a brief summary of the MA provisions and Commissioners will have time to discuss them.

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