

Enhancing Medicare’s flexibility to implement value-based policies

ISSUE: Some leading health policy experts contend that Medicare needs greater administrative flexibility for the program to become a more value-based and innovative purchaser. Statutory provisions do not give Medicare flexibility to implement value-based policies in Medicare.

KEY POINTS: The briefing paper discusses giving Medicare more flexibility to: (1) use reference pricing strategies; (2) use performance-based pricing agreements; and (3) apply coverage with evidence development.

To learn from experts on this topic, we will hear from two panelists:

- Peter Neumann: Director, Center for the Evaluation of Value & Risk in Health, Tufts Medical Center
- Sean Tunis: Founder and Director of the Center for Medical Technology Policy

ACTION: At the March meeting, we seek Commissioners’ feedback of the issues raised in the paper.

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