

## **Enhancing Medicare's research and demonstration capacity**

**ISSUE:** The Medicare program uses research and demonstrations to test the conceptual and operational feasibility of new payment policies and health care service delivery models. Over the last several years, the Commission and other observers have noted several issues that affect the program's ability to conduct demonstrations that yield timely information for policymakers considering program-wide reforms.

**KEY POINTS:** This session will present several issues that affect Medicare's research and development capacity.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should provide guidance to staff on future work.

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