

## **MIPPA update: Physician resource use measurement**

**ISSUE:** In the March 2005 Report, the Commission recommended that Medicare measure physician resource use and share the analysis with physicians in a confidential manner. The Congress implemented our recommendation in the recent Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA). CMS has already begun to implement the required physician feedback program through a pilot.

**KEY POINTS:** To inform the feedback pilot, MedPAC will continue to explore best practices for building an environment for effective physician resource use measurement and feedback. We plan to review the literature and conduct structured interviews with individuals and organizations involved in these efforts. In addition, we plan to analyze Medicare claims for multiple years and address several qualitative questions. At future meetings, we will present our findings and discuss potential principles that should be adopted by any future Medicare efforts.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should provide feedback on the work plan we will present.

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