

Assessing payment adequacy : Skilled nursing facilities

ISSUE: Each year, MedPAC assesses the adequacy of current payments and develops an update recommendation for skilled nursing facilities in 2011. Key questions to consider:

- Are Medicare payments for skilled nursing facility (SNF) care adequate?
- How should Medicare's payments change for fiscal year 2011?

KEY POINTS: We use the Commission's payment adequacy framework to discuss the update for SNF services for 2011. This framework considers: beneficiary access to care (including the supply of providers and volume of services), indicators of the quality of care furnished to beneficiaries, access to capital markets, and changes in costs and Medicare payments and costs (presented at the meeting).

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings in preparation for voting on the chairman's draft recommendation.

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