

Medicare's use of coverage with evidence development

ISSUE: Coverage with evidence development (CED) is an approach for payers, including Medicare, to cover and pay for potentially beneficial medical services that lack clear evidence showing their clinical effectiveness in specific patient populations. CED provides patients access to medical services while evidence is being generated, thus assisting payers as they develop coverage and payment policies, and helping patients and medical providers make more informed clinical decisions.

KEY POINTS: In this paper, we review Medicare's use of CED and key challenges that the program has faced in its implementation.

ACTION: At the November meeting, we would like Commissioners to discuss the key issues associated with Medicare's use of CED.

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