

Delivery system reform

ISSUE: Without change, the Medicare program is fiscally unsustainable over the long term. Moderating projected spending trends requires fundamental payment and delivery system reforms to improve quality and reduce cost growth. What direction should those reforms take over the long term?

KEY POINTS: In this session, we will briefly review the arguments for why fundamental changes in payment and delivery systems are needed; MedPAC's framework for policy analysis; tools for improving efficiency and quality; and directions for reforming the payment system to increase coordination, accountability, and value.

ACTION: Commissioners should discuss if this paper captures their key concerns and points in the right direction for developing policy ideas.

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