

## **Improving hospital quality and efficiency: a panel discussion**

**ISSUE:** The pace of health care quality improvement has been frustratingly slow and there is wide variation in the quality of care delivered and the resources used to deliver that care. How can Medicare best support and spread quality and efficiency improvements? What effect would these improvements have in narrowing the gap in quality of care across racial and socio-economic lines?

**KEY POINTS:** Dr. Philip Mehler, Chief Medical Officer of Denver Health, and Dr. Ron Anderson, CEO of Parkland Health and Hospital System, will address the Commission about their experience in improving quality while serving a diverse population.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should discuss the implications of the experience of the panelists on how Medicare can best support and motivate similar quality and efficiency improvements.

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