

Medical education in the U.S.: Supporting long-term delivery system reforms

ISSUE: Medical education will be a key component to transforming our delivery system from one that historically has focused on care for acute illness—at the expense of chronic condition management, coordination of care across settings, and disease prevention—to one that values patient-centered care, quality improvement, and efficient resource use.

KEY POINTS:

Staff will review medical education issues that Commissioners raised during the previous meeting, such as the demographics of medical students, health IT, and Part-B payment rules for physicians when supervising residents. This meeting will also continue a discussion on approaches for increasing residency training in selected curriculum and non-hospital settings. The Commission may also begin a discussion of broader issues regarding graduate medical education, such as contributions from other payers.

ACTION: Commissioners should review and comment on the draft chapter, and discuss issues above.

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