MEDPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEETING BRIEF

January 12–13, 2012

Encouraging the use of lower-cost medications by beneficiaries receiving Part D's low-income subsidy

ISSUE: Medicare's Part D program costs have been growing much faster than the economy. Some components, such as payments for low-income subsidy (LIS) and reinsurance for beneficiaries with high drug spending, are growing much faster than other components of Part D spending.

KEY POINTS: We will revisit key findings from our analysis of medication use by LIS beneficiaries.

ACTION: At the meeting, the commissioners will discuss and vote on the draft recommendation.

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