

Assessment of payment adequacy: Home health care services

ISSUE: Each year MedPAC assesses the adequacy of current payments and develops an update recommendation for home health. The key questions include: Are current payments for home health adequate? How should payments change in 2009?

KEY POINTS: This paper provides reviews the status of home health services. We will present information based on the most recent data available for the following indicators for home health agencies:

- Beneficiaries' access to care
- Changes in the quality of care
- Changes in the supply of agencies
- Changes in the volume of services
- Access to capital markets
- Payments and costs

ACTION: The Commissioners should review the findings and the draft recommendation, which will be presented at the meeting.

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