

Post-acute care spending under the Medicare Shared Savings Program

ISSUE: Reducing spending for unnecessary or inefficient medical care has been a goal of the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP). This analysis examines how spending for post-acute care has changed under the program.

KEY POINTS Medicare expenditures for skilled nursing facilities and home health care increased at slightly lower rates for beneficiaries in MSSP compared to non-ACO beneficiaries in the same markets. However, the reduction in spending for inpatient acute hospital care was greater than the decline in post-acute care.

ACTION: Commissioners will review and discuss the material.