

Mandated report on clinician payment in Medicare

ISSUE: The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) established permanent statutory updates for Medicare clinician services. MACRA also requires MedPAC to conduct a mandated report on clinician payment examining the relationship between Medicare's payments to clinicians and the supply of and quality of care provided by those clinicians.

KEY POINTS: This material reviews the mandate, considers MedPAC's approach to assessing payment adequacy for all sectors, including clinician services, and reviews Medicare's payment formula and effective conversion factor update. The report also reviews long-term trends in Medicare payment adequacy indicators. The report is due July 1, 2019.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the material in preparation for discussion at the September meeting.

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