

Congressional request on health care provider consolidation

ISSUE: In 2018, the Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the U.S House of Representatives asked MedPAC to report on series of questions on the effects of hospital mergers and physician-hospital consolidation. The topics are timely given the long-term trend toward greater hospital consolidation and hospital acquisition of physician practices.

KEY POINTS: We will present a review of the literature and data on the effects of hospital consolidation and physician-hospital integration.

ACTION: The Commissioners should discuss the material and provide guidance for finalizing the report.