

Hospital and SNF use by Medicare beneficiaries who reside in nursing facilities

ISSUE: The Commission's interest in increasing the value of the Medicare program to beneficiaries and taxpayers has resulted in a focus on policies that promote care coordination and increase quality. Recent initiatives have sought to reduce hospital use of long-stay nursing facility (NF) residents. The Commission developed several measures of hospital and skilled nursing facility (SNF) use for Medicare beneficiaries residing in NFs. CMS could consider developing measures of hospital and SNF use for the long-stay NF resident population.

KEY POINTS: This session will review the initiatives and strategies to reduce hospital use of long-stay NF residents, outcomes of these initiatives to date, and the facility-level rates of hospital and SNF use measures. This session will present new material that incorporates Commission's comments from September and October 2016 and presents policy options for future development.

ACTION: Commissioners should review and comment on the draft chapter for the June report.