

Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments: Inpatient rehabilitation facility services

ISSUE: By law, each year the Commission is required to review Medicare payment policies and to make recommendations to the Congress. The Commission asks whether payments to inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) are adequate and how they should be updated in 2019.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will review information about the adequacy of Medicare’s current payments to IRFs. We will look at information about: beneficiaries’ access to care, the supply of IRFs, changes in the volume of services furnished, quality of care, providers’ access to capital, and Medicare’s payments and costs.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings in advance of discussion at the December meeting.

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