

An overview of the medical device industry

ISSUE: We will review some of the key features of the medical device industry and how Medicare pays for devices.

KEY POINTS: Medical devices play an important role in the delivery of health care and the development of new methods for diagnosing and treating disease. Medicare does not pay directly for medical devices and often bundles the cost of medical devices with the cost of other inputs when determining payment rates.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material and implications for future analytic work.