

A value incentive program for post-acute care providers

ISSUE: A value incentive program (VIP) for all post-acute care (PAC) providers would tie a portion of a provider's payments to quality and value, using a common set of population-based measures.

KEY POINTS: Given the overlap of the types of patients receiving PAC in different settings, a single PAC-VIP would allow comparisons of patient outcomes and quality of care across PAC settings. It would also help lay the ground work for, and be essential to, a unified payment system for PAC. Policymakers could consider an outcomes-based PAC-VIP that is consistent with the Commission's principles for quality measurement.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss a proposed approach to modelling an illustrative design for a PAC-VIP.