

## **Aligning Medicare's statutory and regulatory requirements under a unified payment system for post-acute care**

**ISSUE:** The Commission recommended implementing a unified payment system for post-acute care (PAC) to replace the separate payment systems for skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals.

**KEY POINTS:** Medicare has separate statutory and regulatory requirements for the PAC PPSs. To level the playing field under a PAC PPS, policymakers will need to consider changes to some statutory and regulatory requirements for providers.

**ACTION:** The Commissioners will discuss approaches for establishing a more unified set of statutory and regulatory requirements.