

Mandated report: Physician supervision requirements in critical access and small rural hospitals

ISSUE: The Commission has been mandated by Congress through the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016 to analyze physician supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals. The Commission must deliver a report to Congress by December 13, 2017.

KEY POINTS: The Commission will analyze the effects of physician supervision requirements in rural hospitals with a focus on Medicare beneficiaries' access to and quality of care, and the economic impact on hospitals. The Commission will also present its position on physician supervision requirements.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material to be delivered to the Congress later this year.