

Mandated report: Changes in post-acute and hospice care following the implementation of the long-term care hospital dual payment-rate structure

ISSUE: The Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013 mandates that the Commission examine the effect of a change in payment for certain Medicare cases in long-term care hospitals (LTCHs). The Commission is mandated to examine how this payment change has affected the supply and use of LTCHs, and spending on LTCH care; the use of other post-acute care and hospice; and the quality of care in LTCHs.

KEY POINTS: In the third and final meeting on this mandated report, this presentation reviews our analyses of post-acute care use, LTCH use and spending, and quality.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the analyses.