

Private-sector payment rates for physician and hospital services

ISSUE: Private-sector payment rates for hospital services vary widely across geographic areas, potentially reflecting different market circumstances across areas. Physician payments by type of service categories also show wide variation.

KEY POINTS: Previously (in November 2010) staff presented initial work on variation in private-sector payment rates for physician services. In this presentation, we update that work and present new analysis of private sector inpatient hospital payment rates.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback on this research and its future direction.

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