

Synchronizing Medicare policy across payment models

ISSUE: There are different payment models available in Medicare, including traditional fee-for-service (FFS), accountable care organizations (ACOs), and Medicare Advantage (MA). The Commission has evaluated how those models relate to one another and how they could be synchronized. We consider these issues from the program and beneficiary perspectives.

KEY POINTS: We continue to explore the implications of synchronizing these models for beneficiary premiums. We also consider the effects of coding on payments, bids, and quality measurement.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide direction and feedback on our analytic questions and objectives for this work.

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