

Assessing payment adequacy: Home health care services

ISSUE: Each year the Commission examines measures of the adequacy of payments to fee-for-service providers, pursuant to the statutory framework.

KEY POINTS: This paper provides information to inform the Commission's discussion of the adequacy of payments for home health services in 2014. We will examine data on access to care (supply of providers and service utilization), quality of care, providers' access to capital, Medicare payments and costs, as well as trends in readmission among beneficiaries receiving home health care.

ACTION: The Commissioners should review the findings and be prepared to discuss at the December meeting.

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