

Assessing payment adequacy: Inpatient rehabilitation facility services

ISSUE: By law, each year the Commission is required to review Medicare payment policies and to make recommendations to the Congress. The Commission asks whether payments to IRFs are adequate and how they should be updated in 2015.

KEY POINTS: We examine the following factors using the most recent available data to assess whether Medicare payments for IRFs are adequate:

- beneficiaries' access to care
 - supply of facilities and occupancy rates
 - volume of services
- quality of care
- access to capital, and
- provider payments, costs, efficiency

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings in advance of discussion at the December meeting.

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