

## **Reforming Medicare's fee-for-service benefit design**

**ISSUE:** The design of Medicare's FFS benefits and cost-sharing requirements, along with the degree to which supplemental coverage fills in that cost sharing, affects beneficiaries' decisions to seek care and the types of providers and services they use.

**KEY POINTS:** In this session, we will describe the current benefit structure and the supplemental coverage available to beneficiaries. We will also review data on how out-of-pocket spending varies for beneficiaries with different levels of sickness burden, income, and supplemental coverage. We examine current trends in the benefit structure in the private market.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should provide feedback on this research.

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