

Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments:

Hospice 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 for hospice services are adequate and how they should be updated in 2022.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will examine information about the adequacy of current aggregate hospice payments. We will look at information about:

- Access to care: supply of providers and volume of services
- Quality of care
- Access to capital
- Medicare payments and costs.

ACTION: Commissioners will review and discuss the findings.