

January 10-11, 2013

Assessing payment adequacy: 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 to hospice are adequate and how they should be updated in 2014.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will review information about the adequacy of current aggregate hospice payments, including:

- Access to care: supply of providers and volume of services
- Quality of care
- Providers' access to capital
- Medicare payments and providers' costs in 2010.

ACTION: At the meeting, the Commissioners will discuss the payment adequacy indicators and vote on the draft recommendation.

STAFF CONTACTS: Kim Neuman (202-220-3700)