

Assessing payment adequacy: ambulatory surgical centers

ISSUE: In the March 2011 report, the Commission will analyze payment adequacy for services furnished in ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs).

KEY POINTS: We evaluate several factors to determine the adequacy of Medicare payments for ASC services: beneficiaries' access to services, ASCs' access to capital, and change in revenue from the Medicare program.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings in preparation for discussion and a vote on the draft recommendation at the January meeting.

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