

## **Assessing payment adequacy: hospice services**

**ISSUE:** Are Medicare's payments for hospice services adequate? How should payments be changed in 2013?

**KEY POINTS:** 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
- Providers' access to capital
- Medicare payments and providers' costs in 2009.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should review the findings in preparation for a vote on the draft recommendation.

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