

## **The Medicare Advantage program: status report**

**ISSUE:** The current status of the Medicare Advantage (MA) program, in terms of plan enrollment, availability, payment, and quality.

**KEY POINTS:** Recent legislation and demonstration programs have changed payment incentives in the MA program that can affect Medicare levels of plan payments, and the quality of care provided. Payments for MA enrollees will move closer to FFS levels in 2012.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should discuss the current status of the MA program and provide comments on the March Report chapter draft.

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