

Status report on Part D

ISSUE: In this session, staff will provide information on beneficiaries' access to medications and program costs, and discuss the role risk sharing in Part D.

KEY POINTS: We will review information about the numbers of stand-alone and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans participating in Part D for 2014 and the types of benefit designs they offer, the number of plans with premiums at or below the regional thresholds for low-income premium subsidies, and trends in the aggregate spending levels for Part D. We will also discuss findings from our analysis of the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 on Part D program spending and the role of risk sharing in Part D.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide comments on the scope and substance of this analysis.

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