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## **Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments: 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 2015.

**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 2011.

**ACTION:** At the meeting, the Commissioners will vote on the draft payment update recommendation.

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