

Telehealth services and the Medicare program

ISSUE: We initiated research on telehealth services because of commissioners' interest in learning more about the extent to which telehealth is used within the Medicare program and outside the program.

KEY POINTS: We provide background information on telehealth services including; the definition of telehealth, Medicare coverage and use of telehealth, and general use in non-Medicare settings. We pose broad questions for the Commission's consideration about the use of telehealth and payment models for telehealth.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback on research directions and policy.

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