

Variation in private-sector payment rates

ISSUE: Private-sector payment rates for physician services vary widely across geographic areas, reflecting different market circumstances across and within geographic areas.

KEY POINTS: Staff will update Commissioners on our work on how private-sector payment rates for physician services vary across areas. Our findings show extensive variation across and within areas, with greater variation among some types of services.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback on this research and its future direction.

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