

Initial approach to the payment update and other policy options for physicians and other health professionals

ISSUE: The Commission is required to make a recommendation annually to Congress on the fee-for-service payment update for services furnished by physicians and other health professionals. The sustainable growth rate is central to that discussion and continues to be a major policy issue for the Congress. The November meeting will begin a discussion of options for the recommendation to be in the March 2014 report.

KEY POINTS: Staff will review previous Commission positions and will present new ideas for Commissioners to consider.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide guidance on next steps.

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