

Report on panel about identifying high- and low-value services

ISSUE: The Commission has expressed interest in benefit designs that vary beneficiary cost-sharing based on the value of the services they receive. In order to learn more about the implications of this benefit design for Medicare, we held an internal expert panel to discuss current methods of identifying high- and low-value services.

KEY POINTS: The panel represented a range of perspectives including academics, employers, health plans, benefit consultants, and consumer advocates. They were chosen because they all had experience designing, implementing, or evaluating benefit designs that included identification of high- and low-value services. This presentation will summarize their discussion.

ACTION: Commissioners should discuss the issues raised by the panel and consider next steps.

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