

Congressional request: Vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries' access to care (final report)

ISSUE: In July 2020, the House Committee on Ways and Means submitted a bipartisan request for the Commission to update its June 2012 report on rural beneficiaries' access to care. The Committee also requested further information on beneficiaries who reside in a medically underserved area, are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare, or have multiple chronic conditions. The Committee requested an interim report by June 2021 and a final report by June 2022. In its June 2021 report to the Congress, the Commission issued the interim report focusing on rural beneficiaries' access to care.

KEY POINTS: In this session, staff provide descriptive statistics on service use for rural and urban beneficiaries who reside in medically underserved areas, are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare, or have multiple chronic conditions.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material and provide feedback to be incorporated into the final report.