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The Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 requires MedPAC to call for individual commissioner votes on each recommendation and to document the voting record in our reports. The information below satisfies that mandate.

Chapter 1: Context for Medicare payment policy

No recommendations

Chapter 2: Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments in fee-for-service Medicare

No recommendations

Chapter 3: Hospital inpatient and outpatient services

The Congress should:

- for 2027, update the 2026 Medicare base payment rates for general acute care hospitals by the amount specified in current law, and
- implement the Medicare Safety-Net Index (MSNI) described in our March 2023 report, with \$1 billion added to the MSNI pool.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch

Abstain: Kan, Miller

Chapter 4: Physician and other health professional services

For calendar year 2027, the Congress should increase payment rates for physician and other health professional services by 0.5 percentage points more than current law.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch
No: Kan, Miller

Chapter 5: Outpatient dialysis services

For calendar year 2027, the Congress should eliminate the update to the 2026 Medicare base payment rate for outpatient dialysis services.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Kan, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Miller, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch

Chapter 6: Post-acute care: Trends and key issues

No recommendations

Chapter 7: Skilled nursing facility services

For fiscal year 2027, the Congress should reduce the 2026 Medicare base payment rates for skilled nursing facilities by 4 percent.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Kan, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Miller, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch

Chapter 8: Home health care services

For calendar year 2027, the Congress should reduce the 2026 Medicare base payment rate for home health agencies by 7 percent.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Kan, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Miller, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch

Chapter 9: Inpatient rehabilitation facility services

For fiscal year 2027, the Congress should reduce the 2026 Medicare base payment rate for inpatient rehabilitation facilities by 7 percent.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Kan, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Miller, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch

Chapter 10: Hospice services

For fiscal year 2027, the Congress should eliminate the update to the 2026 Medicare base payment rates for hospice.

Yes: Barr, Casale, Chernew, Cherry, Damberg, Diller, Dusetzina, Kan, Konetzka, Liao, Metan, Miller, Poulsen, Rambur, Riley, Sarran, Upchurch

Chapter 11: Ambulatory surgical center services: Status report

No recommendations

Chapter 12: The Medicare Advantage program: Status report

No recommendations

Chapter 13: The Medicare prescription drug program (Part D): Status report

No recommendations

Chapter 14: Mandated report: The impact of recent changes to the home health prospective payment system

No recommendations

Chapter 15: Mandated report: Dual-eligible special-needs plans

No recommendations

