

## **Medicare Advantage encounter data validation and potential uses**

**ISSUE:** During public sessions, Commissioners regularly highlight situations in which both FFS and MA payment policies could be informed by information on MA plan practices. In this paper, we expand on how MA encounter data could be used to improve various program functions necessary for administering the MA program and how the data could be used to inform potential refinements to the traditional, fee-for-service Medicare program.

**KEY POINTS:** The paper discusses the uses of MA encounter data, the data submission and screening process, and our efforts to validate the MA encounter data.

**ACTION:** Commissioners will discuss the analyses, conclusions, and potential next steps.