

Medicare's role in the supply of primary care physicians

ISSUE: This session will examine Medicare's role in the future supply of primary care physicians.

KEY POINTS: High-quality primary care is essential for creating coordinated health care delivery systems. Therefore, it is important to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have access to primary care physicians. Although beneficiaries have generally adequate access to clinician services, the Commission has expressed concern about the future pipeline of primary care physicians.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the role of Medicare in supporting an adequate supply of primary care physicians in the future.