

Paying for sequential stays in a unified payment system for post-acute care

ISSUE: In response to a Congressional mandate (the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014), in 2016 the Commission recommended the features of a prospective payment system (PPS) spanning the four post-acute care (PAC) settings and considered the effects of moving to such a system. In 2017, the Commission examined implementation issues, including when a PAC PPS could be implemented, whether to include a transition, and the level of payments.

This year, the Commission continues to examine implementation issues, focusing on accurate payment for sequential PAC stays.

KEY POINTS: This presentation reviews work comparing the characteristics, costs, and payments of stays in a sequence of post-acute care.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the analyses and conclusions.