

Determining benchmarks and beneficiary premiums under a premium support system for Medicare

ISSUE: We will review some of the issues involved in determining benchmarks and beneficiary premiums under a premium support system.

KEY POINTS: Under a premium support system, beneficiary premiums for the FFS program and managed care plans would vary based on the difference in their overall cost. The specific method used to determine benchmarks and beneficiary premiums would have important implications for beneficiaries living in different regions of the country.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material and implications for future analytic work.

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