

Medicare Advantage encounter data

ISSUE: Policymakers regularly highlight situations in which both FFS Medicare and Medicare Advantage (MA) payment policies could be informed by information on MA plan practices. Given the value that complete encounter data could offer to Medicare and the significant gaps we found in the encounter data, we evaluate metrics that could improve the ability to assess data completeness and options for increasing incentives to submit complete encounter data.

KEY POINTS: We will review the uses of MA encounter data, the data submission and screening process, our efforts to validate the MA encounter data, and options for next steps.

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