

## **Paying for sequential stays and aligning regulatory requirements 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 and the alignment of regulatory requirements across settings.

**KEY POINTS:** This presentation outlines the work planned over the year.

**ACTION:** Commissioners will discuss the planned analyses.