

Redesigning the Medicare Advantage quality bonus program

ISSUE: As discussed at the November 2018 meeting, the current Medicare Advantage quality bonus program (QBP) has led to unwarranted bonus payments, and aspects of the program do not align with the Commission's principles for quality measurement.

KEY POINTS: To replace the QBP, policymakers could consider an outcomes-based Medicare Advantage value incentive program (MA-VIP) that is consistent with the Commission's principles.

ACTION: At the meeting Commissioners will provide guidance on design features of a possible replacement for the QBP and suggest analyses that would help evaluate the feasibility and impact of a redesigned system.