

Ensuring the accuracy and completeness of 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 provide an overview of the uses of MA encounter data, the data submission and screening process and our efforts to validate the MA encounter data.

ACTION: Commissioners will provide comments on the draft chapter to be included in the June 2019 report and vote on the Chairman's draft recommendation.