

Mandated report on clinician payment in Medicare

ISSUE: The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) established permanent statutory updates for Medicare clinician services. MACRA also requires MedPAC to report on clinician payment, examining the relationship between Medicare's payments to clinicians and the supply of and quality of care provided by those clinicians.

KEY POINTS: This material reviews the mandate, considers MedPAC's approach to assessing payment adequacy for all sectors, including clinician services, and reviews Medicare's payment formula and long-term trends in Medicare payment adequacy indicators. It also includes a discussion of site-of-service trends and their effect on volume and spending. The report is due July 1, 2019.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material at the March meeting.