

## **Evaluating an episode-based payment system for post-acute care**

**ISSUE:** The Commission has urged the Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a unified method to pay for all post-acute care (PAC). The Commission continues to explore options for a PAC prospective payment system (PPS) design.

**KEY POINTS:** In 2016, the Commission recommended a design for a PPS that would use a unified unit of service (a stay) and risk adjusters to pay for PAC. Given the incentives for volume growth under such a design, the Commission has examined a design that would establish payments for an episode of PAC.

**ACTION:** The Commissioners will discuss the staff's analyses.