

Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments: Outpatient dialysis services

ISSUE: By law, each year the Commission is required to review Medicare payment policies and to make recommendations to the Congress. The Commission asks whether payments for outpatient dialysis services are adequate and how they should be updated in 2018.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will examine information about the adequacy of current aggregate outpatient dialysis payments. We will look at information about:

- Access to care: supply of providers and volume of services
- Quality of dialysis care
- Access to capital
- Medicare payments and costs.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings and be prepared for discussion at the December meeting.

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