

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 fee-for-service payments for outpatient dialysis services are adequate and how they should be updated in 2022.

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 will review and discuss the findings.