

Improving payment accuracy and appropriate use of ancillary services

ISSUE: In the Commission’s June 2010 report, we described the growth of ancillary services in physicians’ offices and discussed policy options to address this growth. These options included limiting the types of services or physician groups covered by the in-office ancillary services exception in the physician self-referral law, developing payment tools to mitigate incentives to increase volume, and adopting a targeted prior authorization program for certain imaging services. At the Commission’s September 2010 meeting, Commissioners further discussed these options and suggested refinements.

KEY POINTS: In this session, staff will present revised options to improve payment accuracy and ensure the appropriate use of ancillary services.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback to staff on the options.

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