

Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments: Inpatient rehabilitation facility services

ISSUE: By law, each year the Commission is required to review Medicare payment policies and make recommendations to the Congress. The Commission asks whether payments to inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) are adequate and how they should be updated in 2022.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will review information about the adequacy of Medicare's current payments to IRFs. We will look at information about beneficiaries' access to care, the supply of IRFs, changes in the volume of services furnished, quality of care, providers' access to capital, and Medicare's payments and costs.

ACTION: Commissioners will review and discuss the findings at the December meeting.