

## **Assessment of payment adequacy: Home health care services**

**ISSUE:** Each year MedPAC assesses the adequacy of current payments and develops an update recommendation for home health. The key questions are: current payments for home health adequate? How should payments change in 2012?

**KEY POINTS:** In this paper provide information to inform the Commission's discussion of the update for home health services in 2011. We will examine data on access to care (supply of providers and service utilization), quality of care, providers' access to capital, and Medicare payments and costs.

**ACTION:** The Commissioners should review the findings and be prepared to vote on the draft recommendations.

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