

The Medicare Advantage program: Status report and benchmark policy option

ISSUE: We present the annual status update of the MA program and an alternative benchmark policy option.

KEY POINTS: We present findings on the status of the MA program, including enrollment, access to plans, payments, risk adjustment, and coding practices. We continue discussion of revising the MA benchmark system, focusing on the parameters of an alternative benchmark policy.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the direction of any additional work on these issues.