

## **Medicare coverage of and payment for home infusion**

**ISSUE:** Congress has requested that MedPAC conduct a study on home infusion therapy and provide a Report to Congress in June 2012. The study is to look at issues such as the benefits and costs associated with providing infusions in the home versus alternative settings, how commercial insurers and Medicare Advantage plans cover and pay for home infusion therapy, and any issues surrounding potential abuse of a home infusion therapy benefit.

**KEY POINTS:** In this presentation, we will describe findings from interviews with physicians, home infusion providers, health plans, discharge planners, and home health agencies on coverage of home infusion. We will discuss issues including coverage, payments, and utilization management.

**ACTION:** Commissioners will discuss issues raised by this presentation and next steps.

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