

Per beneficiary payment for primary care: Continuation of the Commission's discussion

ISSUE: With the aim of bolstering primary care, the Commission made a recommendation in 2008 for a primary care bonus payment under the Medicare fee schedule for physicians and other health professionals. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 created such a bonus program. However, the primary care bonus program expires at the end of 2015.

KEY POINTS: The Commission is considering the option of continuing the additional payments to primary care practitioners, but in the form of a per beneficiary payment.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide staff with comments on the discussion draft.

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