

Moving forward from the Sustainable Growth Rate System

ISSUE: The sustainable growth rate (SGR) system— the current formulaic system for updating fee-schedule payments—is fundamentally flawed. Although eliminating it carries a high budgetary cost, leaving it in place is considered by many to be even more problematic.

KEY POINTS: The Commission will discuss the package of policy proposals to resolve the SGR policy and improve payments for physicians and other health professionals that was presented at the September meeting.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss and vote on the Chairman’s draft recommendations on the issue.

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