

## **Private sector initiatives to manage post-acute care**

**ISSUE:** FFS Medicare offers physicians and hospitals few incentives to select the most efficient mix of services to beneficiaries needing post-acute care (PAC). In contrast, entities at financial risk have an incentive to minimize their costs and maximize patient outcomes to share in any savings achieved. The Commission is interested in learning what strategies at-risk entities and integrated health systems use to manage PAC.

**KEY POINTS:** We interviewed health systems with an ACO or MA plan, PAC benefit managers, and providers participating in CMS's bundling initiative to learn about the strategies they use to manage PAC. We discuss how they select which PAC setting to use and how they manage the care a beneficiary receives within the setting selected.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should prepare to discuss if any of the approaches Medicare could consider to manage PAC.

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