

Congressional request: Private equity and Medicare

ISSUE: In 2020, the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means asked the Commission to examine the role that private equity plays in the Medicare program.

KEY POINTS: Private equity firms have drawn attention in recent years due to their growing investments in the health care sector. The Commission was asked to examine several issues related to private equity investment, such as the quality of the ownership information that providers report to CMS, the business models that private equity firms use when they acquire health care companies, and the effects of private equity ownership on beneficiaries and providers.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material and provide guidance on finalizing the report.