

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 potential issues surrounding fraud and abuse.

KEY POINTS: As a first step in examining the issue, this presentation will describe Medicare's current coverage and payment for home infusion therapy, review data on Medicare's current expenditures on home infusion, and discuss next steps.

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

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