

Mandated report on the skilled nursing facility value-based purchasing program: An alternative value incentive program that corrects current shortcomings

ISSUE: The Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 required the Secretary to implement a value-based purchasing (VBP) program for skilled nursing facilities (SNF) that started to affect payments beginning on October 1, 2018. The law also requires MedPAC to review the progress of the VBP and make recommendations as appropriate on any improvements that should be made. The report is due by June 30, 2021.

KEY POINTS: In previous meetings, the Commission discussed the flaws of the SNF VBP and concluded that the program needs to be eliminated and replaced with an improved one.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss an alternative SNF value incentive program (VIP) and provide guidance on next steps in developing policy options for future discussion.