

Aligning Medicare's statutory and regulatory requirements under a unified payment system for post-acute care

ISSUE: The Commission recommended implementing a unified payment system for post-acute care (PAC) to replace the separate payment systems for skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals.

KEY POINTS: Medicare has separate statutory and regulatory requirements for the PAC PPSs. To level the playing field under a PAC PPS, policymakers will need to consider changes to some statutory and regulatory requirements for providers.

ACTION: The Commissioners will discuss approaches for establishing a more unified set of statutory and regulatory requirements.