MEDPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEETING BRIEF

December 18-19, 2014

Assessing payment adequacy and updating payments: Home health care services

ISSUE: Each year the Commission examines measures of the adequacy of payments to fee-for-service providers, pursuant to the statutory framework.

KEY POINTS: We examine several factors to determine the adequacy of Medicare's payments for home health services, including access to care (supply of providers and service utilization), quality of care, providers' access to capital, and Medicare payments and costs.

ACTION: The Commissioners should review the findings and be prepared to discuss at the December meeting.

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