

The Medicare Advantage program: Status report; recommendations on special needs plans

ISSUE: MedPAC publishes an assessment of the Medicare Advantage (MA) program in its March Report to the Congress. MA plans that are special needs plans (SNPs) are operating under statutory authority that is scheduled to expire.

KEY POINTS: We report on findings on the status of the MA program, including enrollment, access to plans, payments and quality indicators. We discuss SNPs in the context of the expiring statutory authority and the recommendations the Commission has been considering.

ACTION: Commissioners will provide comments on the draft chapter and vote on recommendations for SNPs.

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