

Improving traditional Medicare’s benefit design

ISSUE: The design of Medicare’s FFS benefits and cost-sharing requirements, along with the degree to which supplemental coverage fills in that cost sharing, affects beneficiaries’ decisions to seek care and the types of providers and services they use.

KEY POINTS: In this session, we will discuss approaches for redesigning the FFS benefit and for redefining the role of supplemental coverage.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback on this research.

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