

Home Care and Hospice Policy Changes and Proposals

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Payment Reform

- 30 Day Pay Periods
- Therapy Utilization
- Budget Neutrality
- Behavior Adjustments
- Technical Expert Panels
- 2020 Start Date

Rural Add-on

- 3 – 5 Year Extension
 - High Utilization Counties
 - Frontier Areas
- Phase-out
- OIG Study

Face-to-Face/Physician Documentation Certification

- Shall vs. May
- Settlement
- Low Volume Settlement

Market Basket Update

- 1.5% in 2020

Hospice

- Physician Assistants Serving as Attending Physicians
 - January 1, 2019
- Hospital DRG Adjustment for “Early Discharge” to Hospice
 - Discharges on/after October 1, 2018
 - MedPAC Evaluation of Impact – March 2021

Additional Provisions

- IPAB Repeal
- CHRONIC Care
 - Independence at Home
 - Telehealth
 - GAO Study on Longitudinal Comprehensive Care Planning
- Home Infusion Therapy

President's 2019 Budget

- "Wish List"
- Medicare Cuts
- Medicaid Cuts
- Unified Post-Acute Care Payment System
- ACA Repeal and Replace – Block Grants
- Program Integrity