

Benefit redesign: competitively-determined plan contributions

ISSUE: The Commission has been considering ways to reform the traditional benefit package with two main goals: to give beneficiaries better protection against high out-of-pocket spending and to create incentives for beneficiaries to make better decisions about their use of health care.

KEY POINTS: We will continue our discussion of Medicare benefit redesign, specifically discussing competitively-determined plan contributions. A CPC approach would entail a federal contribution to buy Medicare coverage.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide direction and feedback on this installment of our work on Medicare's benefit design.

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