Update on measuring physician resource use

ISSUE: How do episode groupers work using Medicare data to measure physician resource use?

KEY POINTS: This paper further explores regional differences in episodes of care based on our analysis of 5 percent of Medicare claims and provides descriptive statistics from our analysis of 100 percent of Medicare claims in 6 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Boston, Greenville, Miami, Minneapolis, Orange County and Phoenix).

ACTION: Commissioners should provide staff feedback on research design and the implications of the preliminary findings to help focus future work.

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