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Consider Bundling Services, Med PAC Advises

The **Medicare Payment Advisory Commission** doesn't expect the 4.3 percent estimate for next year's physician payment cut to change before the end of the year, MedPAC said in its June report to Congress.

MedPAC raised concerns that Medicare may be using outdated data to allocate resource-based physician practice expense payments. Also, MedPAC said that paying for so many physician services individually based on small codes could encourage physicians to boost volume, and it may make sense to pay for bundles of services instead.