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eBox. Key Terms and Definitions for Medicare Value-Based Payment

CMS: Federal agency that runs the Medicare program

TM: TM Part A and B programs run by CMS, featuring fee-for-service payment

Part A: Component of Medicare that covers hospitalizations and postacute care

Part B: Component of Medicare that covers services such as clinician visits, urgent and nonurgent outpatient visits, tests and diagnostics, home health, and durable medical equipment

MA: Medicare Part A and B delivered by private managed care companies

VBP: Payment arrangements that pay clinicians more if they provide higher-quality or lower-cost care

QPP: Umbrella VBP program in Medicare Part B used to pay clinicians

MIPS: The default track in the QPP, which awards bonuses or levies penalties based on performance on quality and cost measures

APMs: Payment and care models that disrupt typical fee-for-service payment. These models typically combine risk-sharing with performance measurement, such as with ACOs

MSSP: The largest ACO program in Medicare

ACO: A group of affiliated clinicians and hospitals that together assume responsibility for the medical care and associated costs of their beneficiaries

ACA: A 2010 law that enacted a number of major reforms in Medicare and Medicaid, including many new VBP programs and APMs

MACRA: A 2015 law that enacted the Medicare QPP with bipartisan support

Abbreviations: ACA, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; ACO, accountable care organization; APMs, alternative payment models; CMS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; MA, Medicare Advantage; MACRA, Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act; MIPS, Merit-Based Incentive Payment System; MSSP, Medicare Shared Savings Program; QPP, Quality Payment Program; TM, Traditional Medicare; VBP, value-based payment.