



Report to Congress: Unified Payment for Medicare-Covered Post-Acute Care

Analysis and development of the prototype Unified PAC prospective payment system called for in the IMPACT Act

Appendix K

Prototype Results—Impact Ratios

July 2022

Table K-1. Impact Ratios by Provider Characteristics - 2017 to 2020

| Provider Characteristic | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio |
| Overall | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Provider Type | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>IRF</i> | 1.762 | 1.880 | 0.937 | 1.774 | 1.896 | 0.936 | 1.867 | 1.944 | 0.960 |
| <i>SNF</i> | 1.352 | 1.347 | 1.004 | 1.354 | 1.341 | 1.009 | 1.385 | 1.380 | 1.003 |
| <i>HHA</i> | 0.299 | 0.307 | 0.971 | 0.294 | 0.306 | 0.960 | 0.302 | 0.316 | 0.955 |
| <i>LTCH</i> | 4.109 | 3.522 | 1.167 | 4.257 | 3.677 | 1.158 | 4.532 | 3.778 | 1.199 |
| Bed Size | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>< 25</i> | 1.488 | 0.940 | 1.583 | 1.520 | 0.948 | 1.603 | 1.571 | 1.049 | 1.498 |
| <i>25 - 99</i> | 1.618 | 1.557 | 1.039 | 1.621 | 1.563 | 1.037 | 1.659 | 1.598 | 1.038 |
| <i>100 - 199</i> | 1.386 | 1.402 | 0.989 | 1.387 | 1.393 | 0.995 | 1.419 | 1.421 | 0.999 |
| <i>200 +</i> | 1.652 | 1.755 | 0.942 | 1.668 | 1.778 | 0.938 | 1.735 | 1.850 | 0.938 |
| Ownership | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>IRF</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 1.707 | 1.843 | 0.926 | 1.712 | 1.845 | 0.928 | 1.806 | 1.893 | 0.954 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 1.845 | 1.925 | 0.958 | 1.868 | 1.962 | 0.952 | 1.965 | 2.019 | 0.973 |
| <i>Government</i> | 1.834 | 1.950 | 0.940 | 1.858 | 1.988 | 0.935 | 1.949 | 2.036 | 0.957 |
| <i>SNF</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 1.361 | 1.419 | 0.959 | 1.362 | 1.417 | 0.961 | 1.394 | 1.467 | 0.950 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 1.333 | 1.145 | 1.164 | 1.338 | 1.143 | 1.171 | 1.364 | 1.156 | 1.180 |
| <i>Government</i> | 1.309 | 1.277 | 1.025 | 1.314 | 1.239 | 1.061 | 1.354 | 1.292 | 1.048 |
| <i>HHA</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 0.300 | 0.325 | 0.921 | 0.293 | 0.323 | 0.908 | 0.301 | 0.332 | 0.904 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 0.298 | 0.281 | 1.061 | 0.296 | 0.281 | 1.054 | 0.304 | 0.290 | 1.049 |
| <i>Government</i> | 0.276 | 0.257 | 1.072 | 0.281 | 0.263 | 1.069 | 0.293 | 0.275 | 1.067 |
| <i>LTCH</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 4.080 | 3.461 | 1.179 | 4.246 | 3.648 | 1.164 | 4.508 | 3.758 | 1.200 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 4.295 | 3.845 | 1.117 | 4.349 | 3.797 | 1.145 | 4.673 | 3.865 | 1.209 |
| <i>Government</i> | 3.980 | 3.498 | 1.138 | 4.140 | 3.763 | 1.100 | 4.369 | 3.811 | 1.146 |
| Urbanicity | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Rural</i> | 0.971 | 0.943 | 1.029 | 0.958 | 0.928 | 1.033 | 0.959 | 0.938 | 1.021 |
| <i>Urban</i> | 1.005 | 1.009 | 0.996 | 1.006 | 1.011 | 0.995 | 1.006 | 1.009 | 0.997 |
| Census Division | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Northeast</i> | 1.023 | 1.007 | 1.017 | 1.025 | 1.009 | 1.015 | 1.021 | 1.010 | 1.011 |
| <i>Midwest</i> | 0.988 | 0.952 | 1.038 | 0.994 | 0.952 | 1.044 | 0.988 | 0.944 | 1.047 |
| <i>South</i> | 0.954 | 0.983 | 0.971 | 0.948 | 0.973 | 0.974 | 0.947 | 0.962 | 0.984 |
| <i>Pacific</i> | 1.095 | 1.098 | 0.998 | 1.105 | 1.120 | 0.986 | 1.115 | 1.151 | 0.968 |

Table K-1. Impact Ratios by Provider Characteristics - 2017 to 2020 (continued)

| Provider Characteristic | 2020 | | | 2017-2019 | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio |
| Overall | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Provider Type | | | | | | |
| <i>IRF</i> | 2.052 | 1.947 | 1.054 | 1.799 | 1.907 | 0.944 |
| <i>SNF</i> | 1.349 | 1.409 | 0.958 | 1.363 | 1.356 | 1.006 |
| <i>HHA</i> | 0.287 | 0.285 | 1.006 | 0.298 | 0.310 | 0.961 |
| <i>LTCH</i> | 4.917 | 3.896 | 1.262 | 4.281 | 3.643 | 1.175 |
| Bed Size | | | | | | |
| <i>< 25</i> | 1.719 | 1.293 | 1.330 | 1.522 | 0.973 | 1.564 |
| <i>25 - 99</i> | 1.700 | 1.621 | 1.049 | 1.631 | 1.570 | 1.038 |
| <i>100 - 199</i> | 1.395 | 1.442 | 0.967 | 1.398 | 1.406 | 0.994 |
| <i>200 +</i> | 1.787 | 1.871 | 0.955 | 1.685 | 1.796 | 0.938 |
| Ownership | | | | | | |
| <i>IRF</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 1.988 | 1.880 | 1.057 | 1.740 | 1.861 | 0.935 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 2.145 | 2.045 | 1.049 | 1.891 | 1.968 | 0.961 |
| <i>Government</i> | 2.144 | 2.047 | 1.048 | 1.873 | 1.989 | 0.942 |
| <i>SNF</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 1.355 | 1.484 | 0.913 | 1.371 | 1.434 | 0.956 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 1.340 | 1.173 | 1.142 | 1.345 | 1.151 | 1.169 |
| <i>Government</i> | 1.292 | 1.357 | 0.952 | 1.333 | 1.277 | 1.044 |
| <i>HHA</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 0.286 | 0.298 | 0.960 | 0.298 | 0.326 | 0.912 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 0.290 | 0.265 | 1.094 | 0.299 | 0.284 | 1.053 |
| <i>Government</i> | 0.280 | 0.254 | 1.099 | 0.286 | 0.268 | 1.066 |
| <i>LTCH</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>For-Profit</i> | 4.933 | 3.925 | 1.257 | 4.256 | 3.600 | 1.182 |
| <i>Non-Profit</i> | 4.879 | 3.787 | 1.289 | 4.443 | 3.859 | 1.151 |
| <i>Government</i> | 4.726 | 3.770 | 1.254 | 4.112 | 3.636 | 1.131 |
| Urbanicity | | | | | | |
| <i>Rural</i> | 0.918 | 0.923 | 0.994 | 0.960 | 0.935 | 1.027 |
| <i>Urban</i> | 1.013 | 1.012 | 1.001 | 1.006 | 1.010 | 0.996 |
| Census Division | | | | | | |
| <i>Northeast</i> | 1.023 | 1.046 | 0.978 | 1.023 | 1.008 | 1.015 |
| <i>Midwest</i> | 0.987 | 0.936 | 1.055 | 0.990 | 0.949 | 1.043 |
| <i>South</i> | 0.955 | 0.954 | 1.001 | 0.950 | 0.973 | 0.976 |
| <i>Pacific</i> | 1.094 | 1.132 | 0.967 | 1.104 | 1.122 | 0.984 |

Table K-2. Impact Ratios by Unified PAC Clinical Groups (UPCG) - 2017 to 2020

| Unified PAC Clinical Group (UPCG) | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio |
| MMTA: Cardiac | 0.300 | 0.299 | 1.002 | 0.300 | 0.302 | 0.995 | 0.309 | 0.316 | 0.979 |
| MMTA: Endocrine | 0.308 | 0.309 | 0.996 | 0.304 | 0.307 | 0.989 | 0.314 | 0.323 | 0.975 |
| MMTA: Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary | 0.267 | 0.269 | 0.994 | 0.269 | 0.271 | 0.991 | 0.276 | 0.282 | 0.978 |
| MMTA: Infections | 0.271 | 0.257 | 1.055 | 0.269 | 0.257 | 1.045 | 0.278 | 0.271 | 1.029 |
| MMTA: Respiratory | 0.291 | 0.287 | 1.013 | 0.291 | 0.291 | 0.999 | 0.299 | 0.303 | 0.987 |
| MMTA: Surgical Aftercare | 0.241 | 0.250 | 0.965 | 0.238 | 0.247 | 0.962 | 0.249 | 0.258 | 0.964 |
| MMTA: Other | 0.274 | 0.284 | 0.963 | 0.274 | 0.285 | 0.959 | 0.279 | 0.297 | 0.937 |
| Lower Extremity Fracture (Including with Joint Replacement) | 1.225 | 1.267 | 0.967 | 1.213 | 1.249 | 0.971 | 1.228 | 1.256 | 0.978 |
| Major Joint Replacement Without Lower Extremity Fracture | 0.543 | 0.557 | 0.974 | 0.551 | 0.569 | 0.968 | 0.570 | 0.588 | 0.969 |
| Orthopedic Surgery (Not Joint Replacement) | 1.389 | 1.413 | 0.984 | 1.358 | 1.374 | 0.989 | 1.350 | 1.354 | 0.997 |
| Trauma | 0.889 | 0.901 | 0.987 | 0.899 | 0.916 | 0.981 | 0.885 | 0.888 | 0.997 |
| Limb Loss | 1.640 | 1.547 | 1.060 | 1.615 | 1.535 | 1.052 | 1.649 | 1.602 | 1.029 |
| Orthopedic (Other) | 0.822 | 0.860 | 0.955 | 0.795 | 0.835 | 0.953 | 0.787 | 0.833 | 0.945 |
| Stroke | 1.428 | 1.495 | 0.956 | 1.431 | 1.496 | 0.956 | 1.471 | 1.529 | 0.962 |
| Non-Traumatic Brain Dysfunction | 1.510 | 1.508 | 1.001 | 1.555 | 1.544 | 1.007 | 1.600 | 1.573 | 1.017 |
| Spinal Dysfunction | 2.354 | 2.404 | 0.979 | 2.167 | 2.324 | 0.932 | 2.514 | 2.514 | 1.000 |
| Traumatic Brain Injury | 1.291 | 1.368 | 0.943 | 1.271 | 1.351 | 0.941 | 1.305 | 1.344 | 0.971 |
| Neurological (Other) | 1.064 | 1.149 | 0.926 | 1.093 | 1.176 | 0.929 | 1.155 | 1.240 | 0.931 |
| Respiratory | 1.406 | 1.336 | 1.053 | 1.402 | 1.336 | 1.050 | 1.450 | 1.391 | 1.042 |
| Cardiovascular | 1.255 | 1.233 | 1.018 | 1.259 | 1.231 | 1.023 | 1.276 | 1.233 | 1.035 |
| Behavioral Health | 0.266 | 0.285 | 0.933 | 0.264 | 0.287 | 0.919 | 0.274 | 0.304 | 0.899 |
| Coma | 2.660 | 2.753 | 0.966 | 2.518 | 2.648 | 0.951 | 2.683 | 2.743 | 0.978 |
| Invasive Ventilator | 4.790 | 4.583 | 1.045 | 4.851 | 4.548 | 1.067 | 5.092 | 4.628 | 1.100 |
| Gastrointestinal & Hepatobiliary | 1.274 | 1.215 | 1.048 | 1.265 | 1.197 | 1.057 | 1.285 | 1.211 | 1.061 |
| Infections | 1.530 | 1.438 | 1.064 | 1.534 | 1.448 | 1.059 | 1.505 | 1.450 | 1.038 |
| Kidney & Urinary | 1.366 | 1.342 | 1.017 | 1.349 | 1.321 | 1.021 | 1.344 | 1.320 | 1.019 |
| Skin | 0.871 | 0.797 | 1.093 | 0.856 | 0.790 | 1.084 | 0.823 | 0.769 | 1.070 |
| Cancer | 1.047 | 0.985 | 1.063 | 1.055 | 0.995 | 1.060 | 1.114 | 1.062 | 1.048 |
| Transplant | 1.638 | 1.335 | 1.227 | 1.822 | 1.512 | 1.205 | 1.959 | 1.618 | 1.211 |
| Hematological | 1.319 | 1.293 | 1.020 | 1.302 | 1.263 | 1.031 | 1.285 | 1.266 | 1.015 |
| Other | 1.191 | 1.141 | 1.044 | 1.195 | 1.150 | 1.039 | 1.256 | 1.195 | 1.051 |
| COVID-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Table K-2. Impact Ratios by Unified PAC Clinical Groups (UPCG) - 2017 to 2020 (continued)

| Unified PAC Clinical Group (UPCG) | 2020 | | | 2017-2019 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio |
| MMTA: Cardiac | 0.285 | 0.284 | 1.006 | 0.303 | 0.306 | 0.990 |
| MMTA: Endocrine | 0.295 | 0.336 | 0.878 | 0.309 | 0.313 | 0.986 |
| MMTA: Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary | 0.263 | 0.259 | 1.014 | 0.270 | 0.274 | 0.985 |
| MMTA: Infections | 0.266 | 0.263 | 1.010 | 0.272 | 0.262 | 1.039 |
| MMTA: Respiratory | 0.278 | 0.270 | 1.027 | 0.293 | 0.294 | 0.999 |
| MMTA: Surgical Aftercare | 0.248 | 0.238 | 1.042 | 0.242 | 0.252 | 0.963 |
| MMTA: Other | 0.261 | 0.265 | 0.987 | 0.275 | 0.290 | 0.949 |
| Lower Extremity Fracture (Including with Joint Replacement) | 1.225 | 1.173 | 1.044 | 1.221 | 1.258 | 0.971 |
| Major Joint Replacement Without Lower Extremity Fracture | 0.668 | 0.634 | 1.053 | 0.554 | 0.570 | 0.971 |
| Orthopedic Surgery (Not Joint Replacement) | 1.337 | 1.269 | 1.054 | 1.366 | 1.381 | 0.989 |
| Trauma | 0.842 | 0.820 | 1.027 | 0.890 | 0.901 | 0.987 |
| Limb Loss | 1.696 | 1.624 | 1.044 | 1.634 | 1.561 | 1.046 |
| Orthopedic (Other) | 0.790 | 0.800 | 0.988 | 0.802 | 0.843 | 0.951 |
| Stroke | 1.445 | 1.444 | 1.001 | 1.442 | 1.506 | 0.957 |
| Non-Traumatic Brain Dysfunction | 1.696 | 1.552 | 1.093 | 1.552 | 1.542 | 1.007 |
| Spinal Dysfunction | 2.735 | 2.517 | 1.086 | 2.340 | 2.415 | 0.969 |
| Traumatic Brain Injury | 1.297 | 1.273 | 1.018 | 1.286 | 1.354 | 0.950 |
| Neurological (Other) | 1.232 | 1.295 | 0.951 | 1.102 | 1.186 | 0.928 |
| Respiratory | 1.473 | 1.466 | 1.004 | 1.419 | 1.353 | 1.049 |
| Cardiovascular | 1.270 | 1.205 | 1.054 | 1.263 | 1.232 | 1.025 |
| Behavioral Health | 0.249 | 0.251 | 0.991 | 0.267 | 0.293 | 0.914 |
| Coma | 2.969 | 2.881 | 1.031 | 2.630 | 2.717 | 0.968 |
| Invasive Ventilator | 5.572 | 4.700 | 1.186 | 4.905 | 4.586 | 1.070 |
| Gastrointestinal & Hepatobiliary | 1.365 | 1.277 | 1.069 | 1.276 | 1.208 | 1.057 |
| Infections | 1.498 | 1.508 | 0.993 | 1.521 | 1.445 | 1.053 |
| Kidney & Urinary | 1.340 | 1.329 | 1.009 | 1.353 | 1.328 | 1.019 |
| Skin | 0.708 | 0.707 | 1.001 | 0.851 | 0.786 | 1.083 |
| Cancer | 1.190 | 1.128 | 1.055 | 1.071 | 1.014 | 1.056 |
| Transplant | 1.868 | 1.467 | 1.274 | 1.802 | 1.492 | 1.208 |
| Hematological | 1.283 | 1.256 | 1.022 | 1.297 | 1.274 | 1.018 |
| Other | 1.394 | 1.322 | 1.054 | 1.213 | 1.158 | 1.048 |
| COVID-19 | 0.997 | 1.305 | 0.764 | - | - | - |

Table K-3. Impact Ratios by Deciles of Payment Weight - 2017 to 2020

| Deciles of Payment Weight | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio |
| 1st Decile | 0.168 | 0.170 | 0.988 | 0.167 | 0.173 | 0.962 | 0.180 | 0.193 | 0.932 |
| 2nd Decile | 0.287 | 0.303 | 0.947 | 0.278 | 0.301 | 0.922 | 0.286 | 0.317 | 0.902 |
| 3rd Decile | 0.326 | 0.341 | 0.957 | 0.321 | 0.335 | 0.957 | 0.323 | 0.343 | 0.942 |
| 4th Decile | 0.381 | 0.354 | 1.076 | 0.377 | 0.350 | 1.077 | 0.371 | 0.358 | 1.038 |
| 5th Decile | 0.910 | 0.847 | 1.075 | 0.904 | 0.833 | 1.085 | 0.760 | 0.682 | 1.115 |
| 6th Decile | 1.271 | 1.239 | 1.026 | 1.272 | 1.238 | 1.028 | 1.265 | 1.216 | 1.040 |
| 7th Decile | 1.400 | 1.406 | 0.996 | 1.395 | 1.400 | 0.997 | 1.396 | 1.387 | 1.007 |
| 8th Decile | 1.509 | 1.562 | 0.966 | 1.509 | 1.565 | 0.965 | 1.544 | 1.599 | 0.966 |
| 9th Decile | 1.624 | 1.700 | 0.956 | 1.630 | 1.691 | 0.964 | 1.669 | 1.759 | 0.949 |
| 10th Decile | 2.466 | 2.428 | 1.016 | 2.482 | 2.454 | 1.011 | 2.514 | 2.461 | 1.022 |

Table K-3. Impact Ratios by Deciles of Payment Weight - 2017 to 2020 (continued)

| Deciles of Payment Weight | 2020 | | | 2017-2019 | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio | Average Payment Weight | Average Relative Allowed Charge | Payment Weight to Cost Ratio |
| 1st Decile | 0.161 | 0.168 | 0.957 | 0.175 | 0.184 | 0.951 |
| 2nd Decile | 0.274 | 0.277 | 0.988 | 0.285 | 0.308 | 0.925 |
| 3rd Decile | 0.309 | 0.309 | 1.002 | 0.323 | 0.339 | 0.955 |
| 4th Decile | 0.353 | 0.335 | 1.056 | 0.375 | 0.357 | 1.052 |
| 5th Decile | 0.745 | 0.767 | 0.972 | 0.849 | 0.775 | 1.095 |
| 6th Decile | 1.235 | 1.286 | 0.960 | 1.273 | 1.231 | 1.034 |
| 7th Decile | 1.380 | 1.413 | 0.977 | 1.393 | 1.391 | 1.002 |
| 8th Decile | 1.510 | 1.594 | 0.948 | 1.530 | 1.583 | 0.967 |
| 9th Decile | 1.684 | 1.721 | 0.978 | 1.638 | 1.719 | 0.953 |
| 10th Decile | 2.635 | 2.422 | 1.088 | 2.483 | 2.445 | 1.016 |

Notes:

- 1) IRF = Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, SNF = Skilled Nursing Facility, LTCH = Long-Term Care Hospital, HHA = Home Health Agency, PAC = Post-Acute Care, MMTA = Medication Management, Teaching, and Assessment.
- 2) Unit of payment (i.e., unit of analysis for calibration of payment weights) is the PAC "stay." A stay may span more than one PAC claim.
- 3) Payment weights calibrated using all PAC Claims from a 50% random sample of PAC users within each year. Independent samples drawn from each
- 4) HHA claims aggregated to "stays" defined as sequences of HHA episodes representing a continuous course of care. Stays beginning with a recertification (indicating the sequence has additional claims in the prior year) were dropped.
- 5) LTCH stays include both stays paid under the LTCH PPS and under the site-neutral LTCH payment policy.
- 6) "Short stays" defined as length of stay of 3 calendar days or fewer for IRF, SNF, and LTCH, and 4 visits or fewer for HHA.
- 7) "Decedents" defined as the beneficiary being deceased upon discharge from the PAC stay.
- 8) Cost outliers (PAC stay total cost >3 SD from the mean within UPCG, P-CMG, and PAC Provider Type), decedents, and short stays were excluded from these statistics.
- 9) Total cost of the PAC stay is adjusted to account for geographic variation in wages using the CMS wage-index and labor share for each geographic area and PAC setting in each year.
- 10) Final payment weight is calculated by multiplying the PAC stay's base payment weight by its corresponding Comorbidity, PAC Setting, and Rural Adjustment factors. Special populations (i.e., short stays, decedents) are always assigned to Comorbidity Group 1. See Appendix J for Base Payment Weights and Adjustment Factors.
- 11) Impact Ratio defined as the ratio of the average payment weight generated by the prototype Unified PAC PPS to the average relative allowed charge (rescaled to 1) reported on the PAC claim across key groups of PAC providers and beneficiaries. The labor share of payment weights used to calculate impact ratios was multiplied by the provider's area wage index to draw an equivalent comparison with total allowed charges (which are adjusted by CMS in a similar manner).

Source: RTI International Analysis of Medicare Claims and Administrative Data – 2017 to 2020

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