

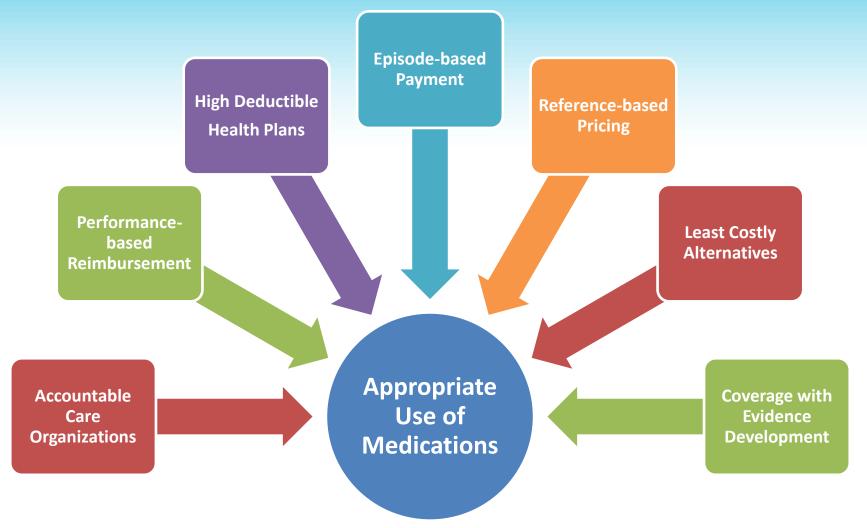
Establishing Medical Policies for Drugs and Biologics: What Will ACOs Do Differently and How will Manufacturers Respond?

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Payment Models Will Impact Care





"However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results."



—Winston Churchill





- 3 types of drugs accounted for 96% of Medicare ESRD drugs in 2010
 - ESAs accounted for 73% (\$2.2 billion)





Implementation of the new bundled payment system was consistent with our 2006 recommendation that the bundled payment be expanded to include payment for all ESRD services to improve efficiency and remove financial incentives to provide more injectable drugs than necessary.



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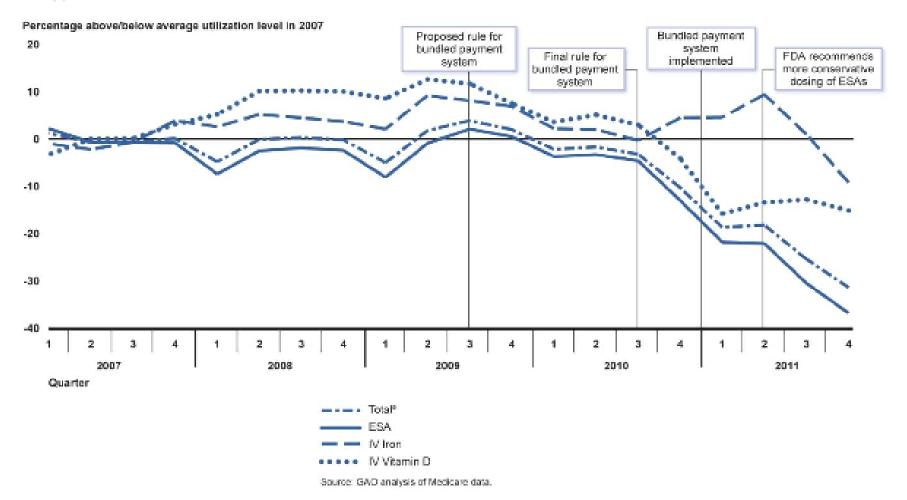
GAO Tracks Decline in ESA Use Following Regulatory Changes

Executive Summary

A Government Accountability Office report finds that use of erthryopoiesis-stimulating agents in dialysis decreased 31% from 2007 to the end of 2011 after Medicare's bundled dialysis payment was changed to include drugs and FDA revised dosing recommendations.



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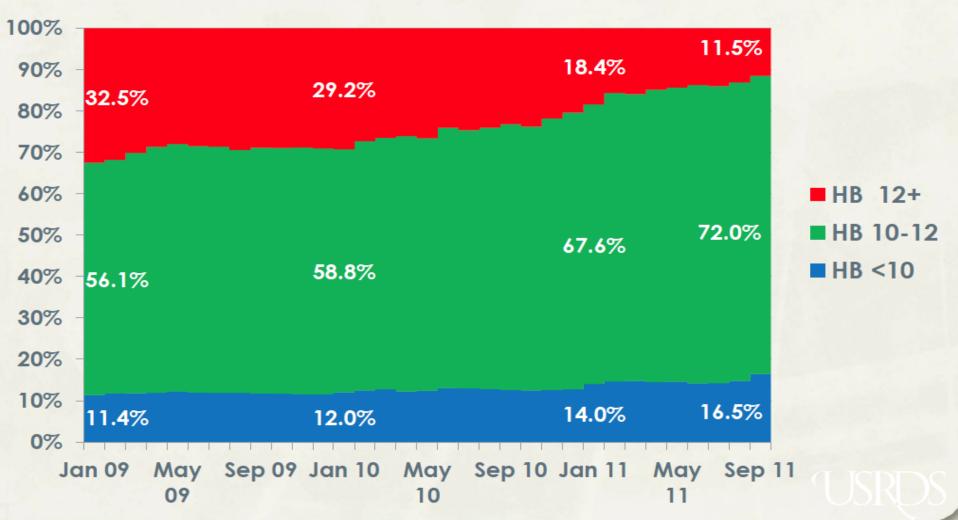
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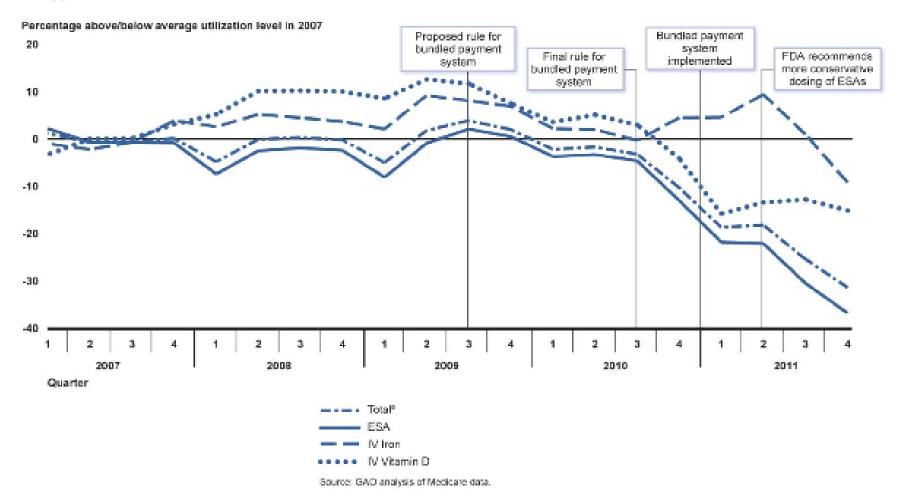
Hb Distribution before and after the New Bundled Dialysis Payment System



ESRD Payment policy changes: the new "bundled" dialysis prospective payment system in the US; Allan Collins, MD Director, United States Renal Data System Coordinating Center; www.usrds.org/2012/pres/USDialysisBundle impact NKFCM2012.pdf



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GENERAL NEWS

Transfusions On the Rise in Dialysis Patients

Analyses of data from the U.S. Renal Data System, which includes information on prevalent dialysis patients covered by Medicare, show that the proportion with a transfusion increased from 2.4% in September 2010 to 3.0% in September 2011 (a 24% increase), the researchers pointed out.