

Home Care Payment

- Medicare PPS started in 2000
- Per episode rate (60 days)
- Inclusive of capital, transportation, infusion supplies
- 80 groups
- Base, low and hi rates \$2011, low 1046 (wgt=.52), high \$ 5691(wgt=2.81)
- Regional adjustments for labor market differences
- Outlier provisions
 - low---LUPA < 5 visits
 - high—cost threshold and marginal cost add on
 - new 60 day episode can be justified for extended needs
- Problem--- < or > 10 therapy visits is the key to grouping