

# IMPACT ACT OF 2014

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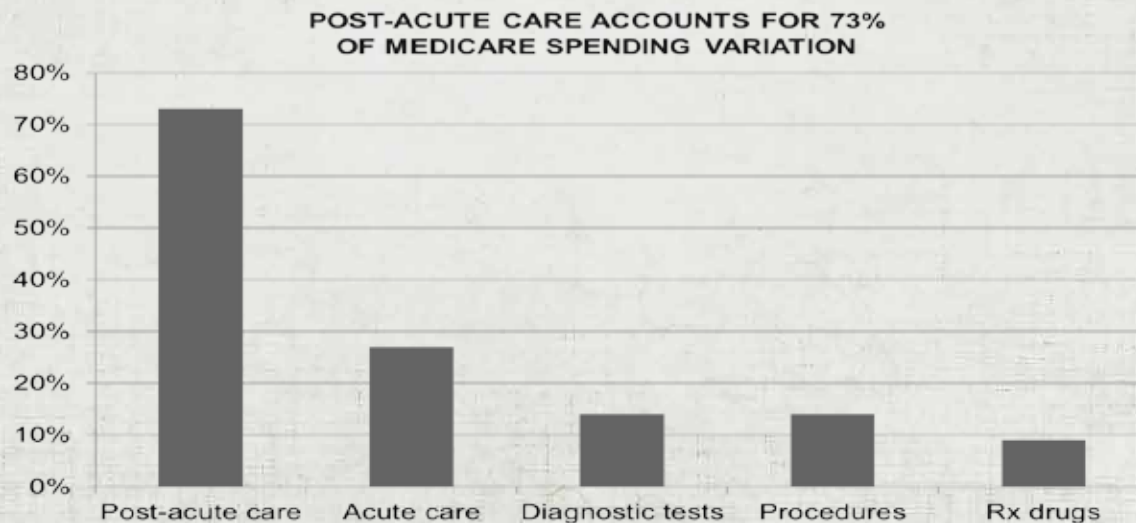
- Improving **Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014**
- Bipartisan and Bicameral Effort
- Fast Moving
  - Introduced June 26, 2014
  - Signed into law December 6, 2014
- PAC & Hospice Providers – Big news!



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- Variation in Healthcare Spending: Target Decision Making, Not Geography
- Why does it cost more to treat patients in some areas of the country than in others?
- Largest category of variation is PAC



*Source: Institute of Medicine. Variation in Healthcare Spending: Target Decision Making, Not Geography June 2013. Note: The individual contributors sum to >100% because of covariance*



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	HHA's	SNF's	IRF's	LTCH's
<b>PATIENT ASSESSMENT DATA</b>	OASIS	Resident Assessment Instrument/Minimum Data Set	IRF Patient Assessment Instrument	LTCH-Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation
Five Points	1/1/19	10/1/18	10/1/18	10/1/18
<b>QUALITY MEASURES</b>				
Five Points	1/1/17 & 1/1/19	10/1/16 & 10/1/18	10/1/16 & 10/1/18	10/1/18 & 10/1/16
<b>RESOURCE USE MEASURES</b>				
Three Points	1/1/17	10/1/16	10/1/16	10/1/16

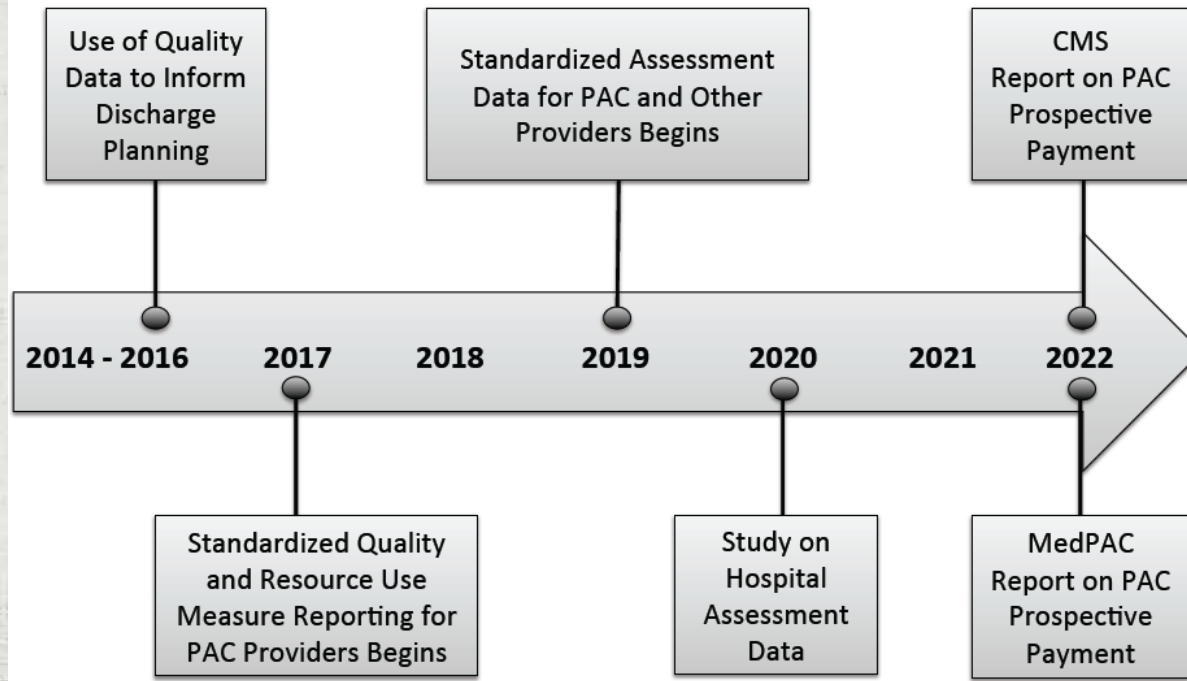


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## Timeline of Major Deliverables in the IMPACT Act of 2014



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## Nursing Home Compare

Change	Description
Nationwide Focused Survey Inspections	1/15, CMS and states will implement to enable better verification of staffing and quality measures
Payroll-Based Staff Reporting	Staffing major quality factor; ACA not implemented yet
Additional Quality Measures	1/15 use of antipsychotic drugs will be measured, plus more coming
Timely & Complete Data Inspection	ACA requires states to maintain website and to submit timely survey and certification information for inclusion
Improving Scoring Methodology	Place more emphasis on verified data (as opposed to self-reporting)



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## Hospice

- Survey Requirement
- Medical Review of Hospice Care
- Hospice Payment Cap



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# Act 95

- Effective 100% as of 1/1/15
- Issue: Medical Powers of Attorney changed?
- Issue: Prior POA's still valid?
- Issue: New POA's that do not comply with Notice or Agent Acknowledgment provisions?



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## LINDA M. ANDERSON, JD, LL.M., CELA, VA ACCREDITED

- Linda is 1 of approximately 40 certified as an Elder Law Attorney in Pennsylvania and has her Masters in Taxation from Villanova.
- Selected by her peers as a “Super Lawyer” as featured in Philadelphia Magazine since 2004, as one of the Top 50 female lawyers in Pennsylvania since 2007, & included in the Best Lawyers in America since 2009.
- Received Martindale Hubbell’s prestigious “AV” rating.
- Appointed as a Fellow of ACTEC (The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel).
- Serves on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys (PAELA), received the 2012 PAELA Member of the Year Award, and is currently the Vice President of PAELA.
- Linda is the past Chair of the Elder Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (April, 2009) and continues to serve on the Elder Law Section Council.
- Serves as a co-chair of the Delaware County Bar Association, Elder Law Committee.
- Invited member of the Special Needs Alliance and is a member of the Association of Life Care Planning Law Firms.
- Accredited attorney with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

## OTHER STAFF MEMBERS

The staff members of Anderson Elder Law are highly trained and experienced in the specialized areas of Elder Law which include long-term care and special needs planning, as well as estate and trust planning and administration. But, more importantly our staff includes many members with significant life experiences related to our practice areas. These shared experiences are the foundation for our commitment to provide the highest quality legal services to protect our clients’ self-determination, family, and resources.



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