

**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**CMS Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment**  
**March 14, 2016**

**Data Issues**

1. The Panel recommends that CMS provide the Data Subcommittee a list of APCs fluctuating significantly in costs prior to each Panel meeting.
2. The Panel recommends that the work of the Data Subcommittee continue.
3. The Panel recommends that Michael Schroyer, R.N., continue to serve as Chair of the Data Subcommittee for the August 2016 HOP Panel.

**Visits and Observation Issues**

4. The Panel recommends that CMS continue to report clinic/emergency department visit and observation claims data and, if CMS identifies changes in patterns of utilization or cost, that CMS bring those issues before the Visits and Observation Subcommittee in the future.
5. The Panel recommends that the work of the Visits and Observation Subcommittee continue.
6. The Panel recommends that Michael Rabovsky, M.D., continue to serve as Chair of the Visits and Observation Subcommittee.

**APC Groups and Status Indicator (SI) Assignments Issues**

7. The Panel recommends that the work of the APC Groups and SI Assignments Subcommittee continue.
8. The Panel recommends that Dawn Francis, M.D., continue to serve as Chair for the APC Groups and SI Assignments Subcommittee.