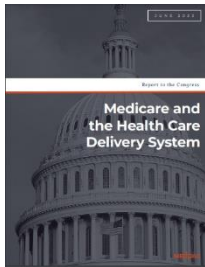


## Site-Neutral Payment Reform: Summer Reading List

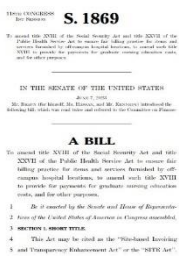


### MedPAC June 2023 Report to Congress

**Recommending site-neutral payments since 2012.**

Chapter 8 of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission’s June 2023 Report to Congress, “Aligning fee-for-service payment rates across ambulatory settings,” recommends that Congress “more closely align payment rates across ambulatory settings for selected services that are safe and appropriate to provide in all settings and when doing so does not pose a risk to access.” The chapter provides background on the issues, as well as recommendations for aligning Medicare payment rates, ways to maintain access to emergency care and hospitals’ standby capacity, and analyses on the effects of site-neutral payments.

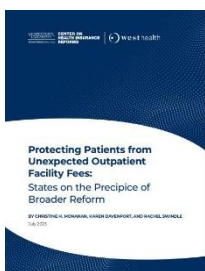
[Learn more.](#)



### The Site-based Invoicing and Transparency Enhancement (SITE) Act

**Bipartisan policy.**

While several proposals have been introduced, the bipartisan Site-based Invoicing and Transparency Enhancement (SITE) Act stands out above the rest. The bill expands the bipartisan site-neutral payment provision passed in 2015 that corrected Medicare payment disparities between hospital outpatient departments (HOPDs) and physician offices for some providers. The legislation also increases the transparency of hospital billing practices by requiring off-campus HOPDs to use a unique health identifier when filing claims. [Learn more.](#)



### Protecting Patients from Unexpected Outpatient Facility Fees: States on the Precipice of Broader Reform

**States are taking site-neutral payment reform to the next level.**

This report, published by Georgetown University’s Center on Health Insurance Reforms and West Health, analyzes laws and regulations related to hospital facility fees on the books in 11 states and incorporates insights from more than 40 interviews with government officials, patient advocates, health insurers, hospitals, and billing experts. [Learn more.](#)



### Facility Fees and How They Affect Health Care Prices

**For the policy wonk who wants to learn more.**

This policy explainer from the Health Care Cost Institute provides a detailed overview of the issue, how facility fees impact patients’ health care costs, and policy solutions under consideration. [Learn more.](#)



## Stop Hospitals from Padding Bills for Routine Care

**Gain a better understanding of how facility fees impact patient costs.**

This report from Third Way explores trends in hospital billing practices that are driving up the cost of care for patients and recommends policymakers expand site-neutral payments as a solution. [Learn more.](#)



## Site-Neutral Payment Supports Cancer Patients

**Learn why patient groups support site-neutral payment policy.**

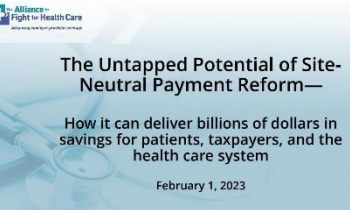
In April 2023, Brian Connell, executive director of federal affairs at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, testified before the House Energy & Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health. Connell’s testimony describes the “unsustainable cost of cancer care” and the need to expand site-neutral payment reforms to lower the cost of care for cancer patients. [Learn more.](#)



## Cost Differences for Physician-Administered Outpatient Drugs by Site of Treatment: State and Metropolitan Statistical Areas Variation

**Higher costs are impacting patients.**

This Employee Benefit Research Institute brief shares findings on the cost differences for physician-administered outpatient drugs between hospital outpatient departments and physician’s offices. [Learn more.](#)



## The Untapped Potential of Site-Neutral Payment Reform

**Savings in the commercial market.**

Adopting site-neutral payments in the commercial market could generate nearly \$60 billion in savings. A preliminary analysis funded by the Alliance to Fight for Health Care estimates that adopting MedPAC’s 2022 site-neutral payment reform proposal in the commercial market could generate big savings. [Learn more.](#)



## Site-Neutral Payments Would Save Nearly \$500 Billion Over 10 Years

**Looking closer at the potential savings.**

An analysis by Blue Cross Blue Shield Association estimates that eliminating the 2015 exemptions for certain HOPDs and expanding the services subject to site-neutral payments could generate up to \$471 billion in savings over a decade. [Learn more.](#)

WEIGHING POLICY OPTIONS FOR RETURNING SAVINGS FROM SITE-NEUTRAL PAYMENT REFORMS TO HOSPITALS



## Weighing policy options for returning savings from site-neutral payment reforms to hospitals

*Ideas on how to best use savings from site-neutral payment reform.*

This Brookings Institute commentary outlines three ways policymakers could reinvest the savings gleaned from expanding site-neutral payment reform to shore up the US health care system. [Learn more.](#)



## Moving to Site Neutrality in Commercial Insurance Payments

*Ways to apply site-neutral payments in the commercial market.*

This brief from the Committee for a Responsible Budget explains how site-based payment discrepancies impact the commercial market and model a tiered policy strategy for implementing site-neutral payments. [Learn more.](#)



## How Site-Neutral Payment Could Bring More Transparency to the Health Care System

*Why Congress must act now on site-neutral payment reform.*

In this *Washington Examiner* opinion piece, Brian Miller, a nonresident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and an assistant professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, writes, "Policymakers should not hesitate: Implementation of site-neutral payment represents the triumph of transparency." [Learn more.](#)



## Why the Left, Right and Center All Agree on Site-Neutral Payments

*A unifying policy.*

This piece from Arnold Ventures explains why site-neutral payment reform a bipartisan, bicameral policy with support from a broad array of industry stakeholders is.

[Learn more.](#)



## Doctor's Office Care at Hospital Prices

*It's time to update America's billing system.*

In this *Wall Street Journal* opinion piece, former Republican policymaker, Bobby Jindal and Charlie Katebi, with America First Policy Institute, highlight why site-neutral payment reform and modernizing our outdated billing system will save patients and taxpayers money. [Learn more.](#)

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% "Cadillac Tax" on health care coverage.