CMS Talking Points

- Image-guided percutaneous breast biopsy (IGPBB) is the procedure of choice for most image-detected breast lesions.

- Likelihood of obtaining clear surgical margins is greater after IGPBB which demonstrates malignancy.

- IGPBB is endorsed by ACR, ACS, ASBS and ASBD.

- IGPBB reduces overall number of procedures for women with a positive diagnosis and reduces time from cancer diagnosis to treatment.

- Since most breast biopsies are benign, IGPBB reduces the number of open surgical biopsies thus reducing cost and patient anxiety

- If a reduction in reimbursement were to occur in the global setting, fewer facilities might exist due to the burdensome cost.

- Fewer global facilities would result in women being forced to travel further distances at greater cost to obtain IGPBB.