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BAUCUS HEARING TO EXAMINE PRICE TRANSPARENCY IN U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

WASHINGTON – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) will convene a hearing on Tuesday, June 18, to examine the limitations of price transparency in the U.S. health care system. The hearing, titled “High Prices, Low Transparency: The Bitter Pill of Health Care Costs,” will take place at 10:00 a.m. in Room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The hearing will consider why health care costs in the U.S. tend to lack transparency and what effects that has on consumers and taxpayers. The witness panel for the hearing will include Steven Brill, the author of the [recent TIME magazine article \(http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2136864,00.html\)](http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2136864,00.html), “Bitter Pill: Why Medical Bills Are Killing Us,” which shed light on several examples of high costs and inefficient use of resources among health care providers. Senator Baucus will ask Mr. Brill and the other witnesses what actions Congress can take to improve transparency and help control costs.

The full witness panel at Tuesday’s hearing will be:

- Mr. Steven Brill, J.D., Contributing Editor of TIME magazine
- Dr. Suzanne Delbanco, Executive Director of Catalyst for Payment Reform
- Dr. Paul Ginsburg, President of the Center for Studying Health System Change
- Dr. Giovanni Colella, CEO and Co-Founder of Castlight Health

**Who: Senate Finance Committee
U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Chairman**

What: Hearing on price transparency in the American health care system

**Where: Dirksen Senate Office Building 215
Washington, D.C. 20510**

**When: Tuesday, June 18, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Media are encouraged to attend the hearing or to view the webcast and witness testimony at <http://finance.senate.gov/hearings>.

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