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FINANCE PANEL TO HEAR FROM CMS ON STEPS
TO PROTECT SENIORS,
EXTEND THE LIFE OF MEDICARE

Hearing to examine new tools for protecting consumers, modernizing America's health care system

Washington, DC – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) will convene a hearing next Wednesday to examine the steps the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken to protect seniors and consumers since the Affordable Care Act was passed earlier this year. The hearing, entitled “Strengthening Medicare and Medicaid: Taking Steps to Modernize America’s Health Care System,” will take place at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, in Room 215** of the **Dirksen Senate Office Building**. CMS Administrator Don Berwick will testify before the Committee about the agency’s efforts to protect the Medicare program from fraud, reduce duplicate care that wastes taxpayer dollars and ensure the life of the Medicare program is extended by more than a decade – a goal achieved by the Affordable Care Act. Administrator Berwick will also discuss the new tools the law provides CMS to modernize America’s health care system and provide better care, including electronic health records, policies to reduce hospital readmissions and the CMS Innovation Center.

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

WHAT: Hearing on new protections for seniors in Medicare

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

WHEN: Wednesday, November 17
10:00 a.m.

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

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