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The Doc Fix: What Happens Next?
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ROBERT BERENSON is an institute fellow at the Urban Institute. He is an expert in health care policy, particularly Medicare, with experience practicing medicine, serving in senior positions in two administrations, and helping organize and manage a successful preferred provider organization. From 1998 to 2000, he was in charge of Medicare payment policy and private health plan contracting in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Previously, he served as an assistant director of the Carter White House Domestic Policy Staff, and recently was a member of President Obama's transition team. Effective July 2009, Dr. Berenson became a commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). In July 2010, he became vice chair of MedPAC. Dr. Berenson is a board-certified internist who practiced for twenty years, the last twelve in a Washington, DC group practice, and is fellow of the American College of Physicians. He helped organize and manage a successful preferred provider organization serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area. He was co-author, with Walter Zelman, of "The Managed Care Blues & How to Cure Them," published in 1998, and, with Rick Mayes, "Medicare Payment Policy and the Shaping of U.S. Health Care" in 2006. He is a graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and is on the faculty at the George Washington University Schools of Medicine and Public Health and the Fuqua School of Business at Duke.

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JIM HAHN is an economist and specialist in health care financing in the Domestic Social Policy Division at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). Reflecting the CRS mission to serve Congress throughout the legislative process by providing comprehensive and reliable legislative research and analysis that are timely, objective, authoritative and confidential, Mr. Hahn works with members of Congress and with congressional staff to help them make informed decisions on legislative matters regarding health and health care. At CRS, Mr. Hahn covers issues related to physician payment and new payment models (pay-for-performance, value-based payments, bundled payments), Medicare reform, geographic variation in health care spending and utilization, comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research. He has worked

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