## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Reporters and Editors

From: Scott Mulhauser and Erin Shields for Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-

Mont.)

Re: Baucus Comment Regarding CMS Nominee Berwick

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) commented today on the nomination of Dr. Donald Berwick to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). From Chairman Baucus:

"Dr. Berwick is an experienced health policy expert and researcher whose career has focused on innovative and effective ways to improve health care quality. Implementing innovative ideas that work and boosting health care quality will be critical goals for the next Administrator of CMS, particularly in our fight to deliver better health care outcomes and lower costs for patients across the country. Improving health care quality was a major part of the landmark health reform bill passed this year and the CMS Administrator will play a crucial role implementing that law. I look forward to an expeditious review of Dr. Berwick's nomination in the Finance Committee."

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