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Robert A. Berenson is an Institute fellow at the Urban Institute. He has practiced medicine, has served in senior positions in two presidential administrations, and helped organize and manage a successful preferred provider organization (PPO). From 1998 to 2000, he was in charge of Medicare payment policy and managed-care contracting in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In the Carter administration, he served as an assistant director of the White House Domestic Policy staff. He served on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) from 2009 to 2012, the last two years as vice chair. He was an initial member of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee created by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015.

Berenson is a board-certified internist who practiced for 12 years in a Washington, DC, group practice, and is also an adjunct professor at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University.

Dr. Berenson can speak about his experience as a former PTAC member and about possible reforms to CMMI to encourage greater value in the health system.