PHYSICIANS AND MEDICARE The Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) — Medicare's payment formula for physicians 24% \$115 BILLION **16** TIMES Scheduled SGR cut in Medicare **Number of times Congress** 10-year cost of repealing the payments to physicians has overridden scheduled SGR and preventing fee cuts; starting April 1, 2014 SGR fee cuts since 2003 higher cost if fees are increased **Most Medicare patients report having** ...and being able to schedule timely doctor appointments a usual source of care... ALWAYS USUALLY SOMETIMES NEVER ROUTINE CARE APPOINTMENT нмо, 86% 26% 62% other Doctor's SPECIALIST APPOINTMENT office/clinic None <4% 66% 26% Few seniors had problems finding a new Seniors on Medicare report forgoing medical care at similar or lower rates than pre-Medicare adults with private insurance doctor in 2012; most did not seek one MEDICARE PRIVATE INSURANCE **PRIMARY** SPECIALIST Did not see doctor 8% for health problem **Problems finding** 2% 2% or condition 11% new doctor Did not get needed No problem finding 12% 7% 5% speciality care new doctor 7% Did not seek new doctor 93% 87% About 9 in 10 physicians accept **Private contracting** Share of physicians accepting new Medicare new Medicare patients—a rate patients in their practice, by state equal to or higher than private LESS THAN insurance 1% MEDICARE 91% **OF PHYSICIANS** HAVE FORMALLY **PRIVATE** (Noncapitated) "OPTED OUT" PRIVATE (Capitated) 72% OF MEDICARE, OF WHOM MEDICAID 42% ARE **PSYCHIATRISTS** UNINSURED 47% 79%-79.9% 80%-89.9% 90%-100% (4 states) (19 states, DC)

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