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A Brief Discourse on Rate Regulation in Massachusetts

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Historical Perspective: What Went Wrong

- Technical Complexity
- Political Complexity
- Growth of Managed Care



Bring it Back??

- Improved Technical Expertise?
 - *2M: Medicare and Maryland*
- Status of Long-Term Political Support?



Musings

- Expectations of the private sector?
- The search for simple - or simplistic - solutions.
- Role in “solving” the health care cost “problem”?
 - *Tweaking at the margins?*
 - *Costly distraction?*
 - *Enhanced dysfunctionality?*