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?