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STATEMENT ON JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEFICIT REDUCTION

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Sequestration means that arbitrary reductions in resources for patient care under Medicare will now be set to take effect under the law for the remainder of the decade.

This will have an impact not just on the elderly and disabled beneficiaries of the program, but on their families. It will also have an impact on the ability of hospitals to provide essential public services to the communities they serve given the impact that Medicare has on the entire health care system.

It is likely that Congress will reconsider whether this approach should take effect in January 2013 as required under current law.

America's hospitals will work with Congress as these discussions continue.

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