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Accountable Care Organizations: New Model for Health Care Payment and Delivery

How will they work? Can they promote quality and reduce costs?

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Dr. Fisher's research focuses on exploring the causes of the two-fold differences in spending observed across U.S. regions and health care systems—and the consequences of these variations for health and health care. His work, demonstrating that higher spending regions and health systems do not achieve better outcomes or quality, has had a major impact on the current thinking about health care and health care reform. He is also actively engaged in developing practical approaches to health care reform, most recently as a leading proponent of the development of Accountable Care Organizations.

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