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**Congress In Stalemate Over Medicare Payments.** The *New York Times* (2/7) reports, "House and Senate negotiators are deadlocked over how to prevent a deep cut in Medicare payments to doctors who treat millions of Medicare.

In *The Hill* (2/8), A significant debate is coming about ways to reduce Medicaid spending. The challenge is to protect the safety net while finding savings that do not threaten the access and quality of care provided.

**Texas Pharmacists Oppose Managed-Care Medicaid.** The *Brownsville Herald* (2/13) reports that local pharmacists decried a decision by the Texas Health & Human Services Commission to overhaul the state's Medicaid program. According to the owner of one pharmacy, "On March 1, pharmacists are going to take the worst hit of any profession that deals with Medicaid."

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