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governments; private industry; health service providers; hospital associations; and health maintenance organizations to improve health

care quality and help consumers make more informed choices are also provided.	