The Role of the Public Trustees
The Medicare Perspective

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Chart 1  Annual HI Trust Fund Surpluses(+) or Deficits(-) (in billions)

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Table III.B12.—Change in the 75-Year Actuarial Balance since the 2010 Report

   -0.66%

2. Changes:
   a. Valuation period  
      -0.01
   b. Base estimate  
      -0.17
   c. Private health plan assumptions  
      0.04
   d. Hospital assumptions  
      0.03
   e. Other provider assumptions  
      -0.02
   f. Economic and demographic assumptions  
      0.00

Net effect, above changes  
  -0.13

   -0.79
Chart 4—Total Medicare expenditures as a percentage of GDP, 2009 and 2011 Trustees Reports, and Illustrative Alternative Scenario

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Illustrative alternative to current law assumes:
Physician payment updates based on Medicare Economic Index
Productivity adjustments to other provider updates are phased out over 2020-2034
NB: This is an illustration, not a recommendation