



Media Advisory

National Health Care Panel Holds Public Meeting In Baltimore

Washington, DC, -- November 10, 2005 – The Citizens' Health Care Working Group will hold public meetings in Baltimore. The Working Group is a nonpartisan group authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, charged with developing recommendations for the President and Congress to provide U.S. citizens with "health care that works for all Americans." Their initial report, *The Health Report to the American People*, serves as a base to engage the American people in a dialogue on health care access, cost and quality issues.

- WHO:** Citizens' Health Care Working Group
- WHAT:** Public Meeting
- WHEN:** Tuesday, November 15th, 2005; 2:30pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, November 16th, 2005; 8:30am – 2:00pm
- WHERE:** Tremont Park Hotel, 8 East Pleasant Street, Baltimore, MD
Preston Chase Meeting Room

Interviews with members of the Working Group available upon request.

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About Citizens' Health Care Working Group

The Working Group consists of 14 citizens of diverse backgrounds from across the country, in addition to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt. To view *The Health Report to the American People*, review bios or get more information on the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, visit www.citizenshealthcare.gov.

Editor's note: The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is an independent body whose members were selected by the Comptroller General of the United States. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality provides administrative support as directed by the Medicare Modernization Act.

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