



Media Advisory

Citizens' Health Care Working Group Holds Public Meeting In Washington

Washington, DC, -- December 13, 2005 – The Citizens' Health Care Working Group will hold public meetings this week in Washington, D.C. Agenda items for discussion include the nationwide community meetings and the questions to the American people to be used at the community meetings. The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is a nonpartisan group authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, and is charged with listening to the views of the American people and developing recommendations for the President and Congress to provide citizens with "Health Care that Works for All Americans." The 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: Wednesday, December 14th, 2005; 8:30am – 4:30pm
Thursday, November 15th, 2005; 8:30am – 2:00pm

WHERE: Wilbur J. Cohen Building, 330 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC
Snow Room – 5th Floor

Interviews with members of The Citizens' Health Care Working Group are available upon request.

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About Citizens' Health Care Working Group

The Working Group consists of 15 members -- 14 citizens of diverse backgrounds from across the country, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. To view *The Health Report to the American People*, read member 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.