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Chairman Camp Announces Hearing on the Health Care Law's Impact on the Medicare Program and its Beneficiaries

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) today announced that the Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing to examine what impact the health care overhaul will have on Medicare and Medicare beneficiaries. **The hearing will take place on Thursday, February 10, 2011, in 1100 Longworth House Office Building, beginning at 10:00 A.M.**

In view of the limited time available to hear the witness, oral testimony at this hearing will be from the invited witness only. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing. A list of invited witnesses will follow.

BACKGROUND:

The health care overhaul enacted last year included one-half trillion dollars in Medicare program savings from 2009-2019. As a result of these policies, the actuaries at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have warned that beneficiaries' access to care could be jeopardized, nearly 9 in 10 seniors could lose their retiree prescription drug coverage, and millions of seniors are expected to lose their Medicare health plans.

In announcing this hearing, Chairman Camp said, **"It is the Committee's responsibility to oversee the Medicare program and to fully understand the impact the recently enacted health law will have on the seniors and disabled Americans who rely on it. This hearing will allow the Committee to better understand the challenges created by the Democrats' health care overhaul so that we can assess what actions may be necessary to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have continued access to needed health care services."**

FOCUS OF THE HEARING:

The hearing will examine the impact of the enactment and implementation of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (P.L. 111-148) and the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010" (P.L. 111-152) will have on the Medicare program and its beneficiaries.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:

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1. All submissions and supplementary materials must be provided in Word format and **MUST NOT** exceed a total of 10 pages, including attachments. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.
2. Copies of whole documents submitted as exhibit material will not be accepted for printing. Instead, exhibit material should be referenced and quoted or paraphrased. All exhibit material not meeting these specifications will be maintained in the Committee files for review and use by the Committee.
3. All submissions must include a list of all clients, persons and/or organizations on whose behalf the witness appears. A supplemental sheet must accompany each submission listing the name, company, address, telephone, and fax numbers of each witness.

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