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Ms. Carole Rascoe
Domestic Policy Council
The White House
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Ms. Rascoe,

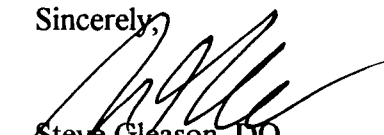
Thank you for the taking the time to meet with us about the activities of the National Health Policy Council. It was a pleasure to visit with you.

In follow-up to our discussion about the Expert Speakers Program and the Iowa Medicare Conference, I have enclosed working drafts of both events. In light of last week's coverage of the President's budget proposal and Congressional discussion about the future of Medicare, I feel even stronger that the National Health Policy Council can play a valuable role in educating the public on the importance of preserving Medicare. I have also enclosed a list of the members of the Expert Speakers Program. As you can see, they are committed, well-placed medical leaders.

We are anxious to schedule a date for both the Medicare briefing at the White House (in March) and the Medicare conference in Iowa (Friday, April 28). My staff is working with Governor Bob Ray's staff on the Iowa conference. Your timely input on either/both of the program(s) would be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your time. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,


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Expert Speakers Program

Medicare Briefing
Old Executive Office Building, Room 450
(3 hours)
March 27 (p.m.) or March 28 (a.m.)

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- I. Welcome - Mrs. Clinton/Dr. Steve Gleason
- II. Health Care Reform Objectives in 1995
- III. The 1996 Budget
 - A. Administration package
 - B. Alternatives
 - 1. Balanced budget amendment and implications
 - 2. House and Senate budget proposals
- IV. Medicare Program Facts
 - A. societal benefits
 - B. financing
- V. Talking Points/Message - Carol Rascoe

Materials: President's Budget
HHS/Medicare Trust Fund Report

MEDICARE 2000

**Des Moines, Iowa
April ____, 1995
8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.**

Program

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Welcome

Governor Bob Ray
Dr. Steve Gleason

Introduction

"Medicare Under Siege: A Status Report on Medicare"

* Stu Altman or John Eglehart - Expert Speaker

☆ Overview (history, the way it works, what it costs)

☆ Myths vs. Reality (public perception; trends that threaten viability)

Panels/Forums

☆ **State Perspectives on Medicare**

Governor Terry Branstad

Governor Howard Dean

NCSL

Moderators: Sen. Grassley & Harkin

★ **GOP Candidate A**

☆ **Consumer Perspectives on Medicare**

AARP

Labor

Willis Goady, Iowa state demographer

Moderators: Sen. Rockefeller & Kassebaum

★ **GOP Candidate B**

☆ **Provider Perspectives on Medicare**

Physician

Hospital

Nurse

Moderators: Sen. Grassley and Rockefeller

★ **GOP Candidate C**

☆ **Business/Insurer Perspective on Medicare**

Insurer

Fiscal Intermediary

Employer Purchasing Group

Moderators: Sen. Harkin and Kassebaum

★ **Administration Perspective**

Closing Remarks

Note: the schedule will allow flexibility to accommodate candidate/Administration participation.



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Expert Speakers Program for Public Education on Health Reform

The National Health Policy Council has funded a special educational program for American organizations wishing access to a detailed discussion of the Administration's health reform legislation including information which compares and contrasts other key pieces of legislation in the U.S. Congress.

The National Health Policy Council will coordinate the scheduling of a highly select group of health experts. The National Health Policy Council's panel includes former White House, HHS and Congressional staff as well as leading health consultants and advisors. This talented group of policymakers and academics have agreed to provide this service in order to further the National Health Policy Council's mission of public education. All speakers have received White House and/or Congressional briefings as a condition of participating with the National Health Policy Council's effort.

The National Health Policy Council will accept requests from any organization, including government agencies, members of Congress, other not-for-profit organizations, and trade organizations for regional speaking engagements.



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Dr. Raymond Adelman is a pediatrician and is currently the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He lives in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Ronald "Ron" J. Anderson, an internist, is a Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He has been the President and CEO of Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital, a large public teaching hospital for over 12 years. In addition, Anderson has been appointed by two different Governors to the Texas Board of Health and currently serves as its Chair. He also has helped to implement a large Community Oriented Primary Care initiative in Dallas. He is an outspoken advocate for health care reform and believes that "ethically based national health care reform based on universal coverage is crucial." Dr. Anderson writes and speaks extensively on health care reform. Recently, he has appeared on several national broadcasts, including a special CNN feature segment on public sector hospitals and health care reform, and NBC's special on health care reform. He lives in Duncanville, Texas with his wife and teenage children.

Dr. Alan Baskin is an internist in private practice in Dumont, New Jersey. He is the President of the New Jersey Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Baskin is a very strong supporter of President Clinton's health plan and, in fact, was a physician reviewer for the President's Task Force. Baskin was a member of the 1992 electoral college. Baskin believes, "Health care reform is necessary to provide high quality private health insurance that can never be denied to any of our citizens." He lives in Montvale, New Jersey with his wife.

Dr. Kathryn Bemmman is a private practice psychiatrist in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Currently, she is the President of the American Medical Women's Association. In addition, she is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin with her husband.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Berenson, an internist from Washington, D.C., is currently the Medical Director of the National Capitol PPO, a local managed care organization. Dr. Berenson served as co-chair of two working groups of the President's Task Force, including one on malpractice reform and the other on accountable health plans. In addition, Dr. Berenson was a health policy advisor to the Clinton/Gore campaign and served on the transition team. Dr. Berenson provides policy research to the Urban Institute, as an advisor to the Physicians Payment Review Commission; and, as a member of the Health Affairs editorial board. Berenson stated, "only through managed competition -- which in its true form includes universal coverage -- will our country achieve control of run-away health care costs, while improving the health of Americans and increasing consumer and patient choice." Dr. Berenson lives with his wife in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Dr. Stanley Bergen, an internist, is the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The institution has become New Jersey's second state university, with seven schools on four campuses and a statewide network of more than 100 affiliated hospitals and three community mental health centers. Prior to joining UMDNJ in 1971, Dr. Bergen was the Chief Operating Officer for New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, which operated the city's 19 public hospitals. Dr. Bergen states, "In my forty plus years of health care experience, as a clinician, manager and educator in the public sector, I have grown very discouraged and appalled at the nation's inability to develop a system of health care delivery that provides access for all citizens. I believe that the opportunity for the creation of such a system now exists and should be realized."

Dr. David Blumenthal, a -----, is Chief, Health Policy Research and Development Unit and Associate Physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts as well as Associate Professor of Medicine and Healthcare Policy at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Blumenthal was the Chief health advisor to the Dukakis campaign and has served as professional staff on Senator Edward Kennedy's sub-committee on health. Currently, he is a member of the editorial boards of the New England Journal of Medicine, Quality Management in Health Care, and Quality Review Bulletin. He also serves on advisory committees to the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine and the U.S. Office of Technology. "Healthcare reform is an ethic and practical necessity at the current time. It is an ethical requirement to cover the needs of the uninsured and the middle class. And, it is a practical necessity to control costs and to eliminate unnecessary care and administrative waste."

Dr. Richard "Rick" Boxer is a urologist in private practice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he lives with his wife, Barbara, an attorney, and their two children. He is the National Finance Chair of the National Health Policy Council and served on the executive committee of the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group. He is the only physician on the board of advisors of both the Medical College of Wisconsin Health Policy Institute and the University of Wisconsin Health Policy Institute. He is the Medical Advisor to Representatives Kleczka, Barrett, and Barca and Senators Feingold and Kohl. He is on the National Board of Directors of the National Jewish Democratic Council, seven Wisconsin Philanthropic organizations, and is on the Democratic National Finance Committee. Dr. Boxer has written extensively and campaigned widely on behalf of universal health care and cost containment. He is a strong advocate of real insurance reform and choice of provider in a guaranteed private health insurance system that preserves Medicare. Dr. Boxer states, "The compelling reason for physicians to work for health care reforms, especially uninsured coverage, is because it enhances the equality, justice, fairness, and dignity that both patients and doctors richly deserve. Providers, consumers, and insurers must pursue excellence in health care together so that our children may live in a healthier America tomorrow."

Dr. Howard Brody teaches family practice and medical ethics at Michigan State University, East Lansing. He served as a consultant to the ethics working group of the Health Care Task Force. For the period of 1993 Dr. Brody has been a Senior Scholar in Residence at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Dr. Brody is interested in the "ethical challenges posed by health care reform and by how health care reform will impact family physicians and their patients."

Dr. Roger Bulger is an internist and professor of medicine and public health who has spent his life in medical institution administration. Currently, he is the President of the Association of Academic Health Centers in Washington, D.C. "I strongly believe that every American should have access to health care and freedom from financial ruin if serious illness strikes," states Bulger.

Dr. Richard Butcher is the immediate past president of the National Medical Association and the current President of the "Summit '93 Health Coalition," a coalition of organizations representing all aspects of the Afro-American community that have come together around health care reform, including: the National Medical Association, National Dental Association, National Pharmaceutical Association, Association of Black Cardiologists, NAACP, Congressional Black Caucus, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Association of Black County Officials, National Urban League, National Caucus and Center on Black Aging as well as some 150 other civil, religious, social and political organizations around the country. Butcher believes, "In the United States, the best health care in the world is only available to those who can pay for it. I am a practicing physician (in San Diego, California) who cares for the vulnerable in our society. Our nation will ultimately be judged by the way we correct existing health disparities among racial groups and meet the needs of the nearly 70 million persons who are un- or under-insured. This year we have a real opportunity to redress current inequities by providing universal coverage and universal access to all Americans. I pray that we will act now to enact meaningful health care reform."

Dr. Robert Butler is a physician gerontologist and psychiatrist. In 1982, he founded the Department of Geriatrics at Mt. Sinai Medical School, the first of its kind in the nation. He was also the founding director of the National Institute of Aging of the National Institute of Health. Dr. Butler states, "All Americans should have access to national health care. It is unconscionable that 12 million children go without national health care."

Dr. Benjamin Chu is the current Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Associate Dean at New York University Medical Center. He has been a visible advocate for the public health and a proponent of equality of care for all New Yorkers, especially in his recent roles at high level positions in New York City governmental health agencies. Dr. Chu is concerned with access to quality healthcare, particularly in under-served communities. He believes the enactment of health care reform is necessary in order to ensure the best health care services are available to meet the needs of the diverse, often financially polarized communities of New York.

Dr. Jordan Cohen, an internist and the President of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Cohen is active in the American College of Physicians and the American Board of Internal Medicine. He currently lives in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Louis "Lou" Cooper is a pediatrician specializing in infectious diseases. Currently, he is the Senior Attending Physician and Director of Pediatric Services at the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. Dr. Cooper has served as both consultant and board member to numerous committees for the city and state of New York, the Department of Health and Human Services and on several national committees. He lives with his wife in New York City.

Dr. Robert "Bob" D'Alessandri (day-la-s-on-dree), an internist specializing in infectious diseases, is the Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of West Virginia. He has served as a member of several working groups on the President's Task Force and helped organize a state-wide broadcast for Mrs. Clinton entitled, West Virginia Speaks. Dr. D'Alessandri works closely with Governor Caperton and Senators Byrd and Rockefeller on health care issues. In addition, he appears weekly as a medical correspondent on television news programs as well as hosting "Doctors on Call," a live public television broadcast.

Dr. Gerben DeJong (de-young) is the Director of the National Rehabilitation Hospital Research Center in Washington, D.C. and is a Professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Georgetown University's School of Medicine. Dr. DeJong has become an expert in disability, health outcome measurement, health utilizing, and bio medical ethics. He writes and speaks extensively in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. DeJong served on the Clinton/Gore transition team's working group on long-term care policy. Recently, he testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on the impact of health care reform on Social Security Disability Insurance and Social Security Insurance program.

Dr. John Delfs is a gerontologist and neurologist from Boston, Massachusetts where he is Chief of Geriatric Medicine at Deaconess Hospital, Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, and directs a program of interdisciplinary care coordination for high risk older persons. Dr. Delfs states, "I am concerned about the high costs, both in human and economic terms, of the lack of appropriate access to early treatment and in preventative services, the fragmentation of health care delivery, and the inadequacy of a continuum of care under the current non-system."

Dr. Ronald "Ron" Dozoretz (doe-zor-etz) is the founder, President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of First Hospital Corporation (FHC) in Norfolk, Virginia. FHC is the nation's largest privately held mental health company. Dr. Dozoretz believes, "health care reform that reflects an integrated health delivery system of mental health services could achieve the goal of expanded, appropriate services to those in need at greatly reduced costs." Dr. Dozoretz served as a member of the White House's Health Professions Review Group. He is actively involved in the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee, the Democratic National Committee and currently serves as a site selection member of the Democratic National Convention Committee.

Dr. Frances J. Dunston, MPH is a pediatrician and a preventative medicine specialist from Trenton, New Jersey. Dunston has said, "Having served as a local health director and as a state health commissioner, I am very interested in assuring that quality primary and preventative health care is available to everyone. Anything short of universal coverage will continue the waste, inefficiencies, and high costs associated with our current health care system. It stands to reason that preventative health care for everyone is a far better use of our health care dollars rather than spending money on illnesses when they become more severe."

Dr. Jack Dutzar is a family physician and Vice President of Medical Affairs for Group Health Northwest in Spokane, Washington. Based on years of experience as a rural physician as well as being a practicing physician in a health maintenance organization, Dr. Dutzar is "committed to working for the kind of fundamental change in our health care system which will provide universal access and higher standards for outcomes that can be achieved in our current unmanaged and cost-inefficient system."

Dr. Steven "Steve" Eckstat is a family practitioner who has practiced in Des Moines, Iowa for 22 years. Eckstat states, "I am acutely aware of the effects on the daily lives of the patients in my practice who have lost their insurance or their lives by losing insurance coverage. All Americans must have the security of universal coverage with comprehensive benefits at affordable prices."

Dr. Charles Feild (field) is a pediatrician from Little Rock, Arkansas where he lives with his wife and their two school-aged children. "As a pediatrician in Arkansas, I am concerned about the uninsured children and how to meet the health needs of rural America."

Dr. Kevin Fickenscher (fic-ken-scher) is the Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he is directly responsible for all aspects of a medical care system with over 2,200 physicians. He is a national expert in rural health and systems integration. He was an early advocate of health care reform and has an extensive history of working with national and state candidates as a health policy advisor. Dr. Fickenscher served as a member of the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group. He recently moved to Milwaukee with his wife and their three school-age children.

Dr. Howard Freed has practiced Emergency Room medicine for twenty years. As a founder and director of the Emergency Medicine Program at Albany, Dr. Freed has trained many young physicians. Dr. Freed served as a physician reviewer on the President's Task Force. In 1992, he served as an aide to Clinton/Gore chief of staff Eli Segel and Deputy Director of Special Projects. Dr. Freed states, "I am often unable to obtain adequate referral for my patients, since I work in a rural area and many of the local physicians accept new patients solely on the patient's ability to pay. I have been very fortunate to work with many 'mid-level practitioners', such as physician assistants and paramedics, in various settings and advocate for a dramatically expanded role for them."

Dr. H. Jack Geiger is an internist and professor in New York whose entire professional career has been focused on the problems of health care for the inner city and the working poor in rural areas. Geiger believes, "universal health insurance coverage is essential both for inner city and for middle class populations."

Dr. Stephen "Steve" Gleason is a practicing family physician and Chief Medical Officer for the Mercy Clinic system in Des Moines, Iowa. He is chair of the Mayo Clinic-Mercy Family Practice Residency Project and a leader in developing an Accountable Health Plan with Mercy Hospital. He served as a liaison for the Department of Health and Human Services during the Presidential transition and chaired the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group. Dr. Gleason continues to serve as a White House Advisor in his role as senior consultant to the Department of Health and Human Services. In 1987 he founded, and currently co-chairs with Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, the National Health Policy Council (NHPC), a non-profit educational foundation. Gleason stated that, "I founded the NHPC to ensure that health care policy and reform efforts are equitable and patient-centered." Dr. Gleason lives in Des Moines with his wife, Lisa, and their children.

Dr. Robert Grayson is a retired pediatrician living in Surfside, Florida. He practiced primary care medicine in Miami Beach and vicinity for forty years. When asked about his concerns, Dr. Grayson says, "I am very concerned with the delivery of health care to the under-served populations in our communities, the rapid advance of managed for-profit health care, and the loss of quality in the delivery system."

Dr. John Griffith, a pediatric neurologist, is Executive Vice President for Health Sciences and Director of the Georgetown University Medical Center and Executive Dean of its medical school. Dr. Griffith expresses his concern about inadequacies in healthcare coverage and access, particularly.

Dr. John L.S. Holloman, Jr., an internist, is the Associate Director of Health Services at the Ryan Community Health Center in New York City. Dr. Holloman is the Past President of both the National Medical Association and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Dr. Holloman, a long-time champion of the medically under-served believes, "quality health care is fundamental to the good life (The American Dream). Our nation has the opportunity to reform our healthcare system now. We owe this to ourselves and to all of our children."

Dr. Allen Hyman, an anesthesiologist and critical care specialist, serves as the Chief of Staff at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Previously, Dr. Hyman as a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow served as a health aide to Senator Bob Dole. He remains active in the health policy discussion through his work with the American Society of Anesthesiology, Society for Critical Care Medicine, and American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Hyman believes, "This is very exciting time in health care. We see dramatic changes in the government's role and in the employer's relation to health care, in meeting changing demands of patients and changing responsibilities of caregivers."

Dr. Kenneth "Ken" Ingber has practiced general dentistry in Washington, D.C. for the past twenty-three years. Ingber states, "As a private practice dentist, I have seen all sides of the health care equation within my office. The time for enactment of health care reform is now."

Dr. David Jackson, MPH, a critical care and neurology specialist, is the President and CEO of AssurQual, Inc., a long-term management consulting and quality management information systems company. He is also a clinical professor at the Department of Medicine at Ohio State University in Columbus. He previously served on two working groups of the President's Task Force, including the committees on quality and information systems. Dr. Jackson speaks and writes extensively on health care and is particularly interested in medical ethics and public health issues.

Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon is a family practitioner from Chicago where she operates a comprehensive medical clinic which she founded in 1970 in a public housing development. She has been engaged in providing health care for the poor and medically under-served for more than thirty years. Dr. Bacon said her "major concerns involve access to quality health care for all people."

Dr. Steven "Steve" Jonas, a Professor of Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine, State University of New York at Stony Brook, has been concerned with and working on issues related to national health reform since he began his professional career in 1965. Currently, Dr. Jonas uses his lengthy experience as a public speaker, author, educator, and his more recent experience as the host of a weekly political talk show on local Long Island radio, to promote national health care reform. Dr. Jonas has made a number of radio and television appearances before both professional and lay audiences, speaking in support of the President's health plan. Dr. Jonas lives on Long Island with his wife.

Dr. Joanne Joseph, PhD. is a psychologist from Clinton, New York where she lives with her husband, Mike, a system software consultant, and their three school-age children. In her roles as a practicing psychologist and associate professor of Psychology, Dr. Joseph has heard the concerns of a number of middle class Americans faced with either no insurance or inadequate insurance to cover basic health care needs. "Hard-working American families are finding it increasingly more difficult to pay for basic health care services (i.e. well-children checks, treatment of common childhood illnesses like strep throat, mental health services for children with attention deficit disorders, etc.). As a result, health care is becoming a socio-economic privilege affordable only by the rich or those fortunate enough to be employed by large companies. If the present health care situation continues, it will contribute to the sociological unrest that seems to be growing between the various economic groups. Major health care reform is necessary not only for our nation physically, but for our well-being as a society," says Joseph.

Dr. David Kindig is a pediatrician and professor of Health Policy and Management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine. He was the first Director of the National Health Service Corps and has served as an advisor to Secretary Shalala at the Department of Health and Human Services. Kindig states, "During my career, I have been and am deeply committed to the principle of universal coverage for rural and inner city populations."

Dr. Andrew "Drew" Kumpuris, P.A. is a cardiologist in private practice in Little Rock, Arkansas where he is the Director of the Coronary Care Unit at St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center. He served as a working group member to the President's Task Force on health care delivery. Currently, he is Chairman of the Governor's Task Force for Health Care Reform in Arkansas. Dr. Kumpuris' principal area of interest is "exploring options in the development of health care infrastructure for improved delivery and access."

Dr. Lance Laurence, is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition, he is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, a consultant to St. Mary's Medical Center, the President of Clinical Management Services and Associate Director of the Guntrip Post Graduate Training Institute in Knoxville. Dr. Laurence has been an active participant, including leadership positions, in the Tennessee Psychology Association. In addition, Dr. Laurence served as a member of the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group as the only psychologist.

Dr. R. Hewlett Lee is a general surgeon and Executive Director, Emeritus of the Palo Medical Clinic. Frustrated with the current system Dr. Lee states, "I have struggled with contracting with 39 different insurance companies, five different governmental agencies, and a morass of state regulations in bringing efficient, caring quality medical services to our clinic's patients. Proper health care reform would free patients, physicians and staff from a wasteful time consuming burden of redundant paper work." Dr. Lee and his wife live in Portola Valley, California, and is the brother of Dr. Phillip Lee, Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Jack Lewin, Director of Health in Hawaii for the past eight years, advisor to the White House on health reform and former President of ALTHO, is now a Democratic candidate for Governor of Hawaii. Dr. Lewin believes, "healthcare reform will succeed if the new system puts public health and prevention first, excellence in primary care second, and third if the federal role is focused on establishing through standards and policy, leaving consumer choice and state flexibility to implement reform."

Dr. Irv Loh is an internist and cardiologist in Thousand Oaks, California. In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Loh is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at Baylor. Dr. Loh served on two working groups of the President's Task Force.

Dr. Osvaldo Lopez is an Ophthalmologist of world renown. He lectures extensively in the U.S. and abroad. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Chicago. In addition, Dr. Lopez is the founder of "Hispanocare," the nation's largest Hispanic PPO. Dr. Lopez served as a member of the Clinton/Gore transition team.

Dr. Gordon MacLeod, a general internist and public health professional from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has been a longtime advocate of national health insurance. He has promoted health care reform by working with community leaders and physicians to sponsor and develop health management organizations, by advocating freedom of choice in selecting health care providers, and by promoting community rating. He has written extensively on health care reform, championing coordinated, comprehensive and cost-effective health care for all Americans. His wife, Jane, is a career social worker who worked with pregnant teen-agers for the last nine years and currently serves as Director of Social Work in a community teaching hospital.

Dr. Fred McCall-Perez, a former psychologist, university professor and health care consultant lives in Miami, Florida, where he is president of a psychiatric-based practice and a national managed care consulting company. Dr. McCall-Perez states, "I am concerned about reform that is taking place throughout the country without legislation. I want a more fair situation for physicians -- where they can effectively and legally compete with insurance and managed care companies by forming their own community-based systems."

Dr. William "Bill" McFarlane, a psychiatrist in Portland, Maine, is the Chief of Psychiatry at a major teaching hospital. Dr. McFarlane is "greatly concerned that all Americans have access to health care, especially now that many treatments are quite effective, but remain financially unavailable. This is even more true of psychiatric services which in spite of its effectiveness are not reimbursed at a rate to ensure access."

Sheila McGuire, DDS, DMSc is a medical research scientist with degrees in dentistry and epidemiology. She lives in Boone, Iowa where she operates a medical research firm, the Iowa Health Research Institute. McGuire states, "health care is needed to make sure every American has private, affordable health insurance that does not discriminate on the basis of pre-existing conditions. Whatever legislation is passed in Washington must take into account the unique needs of rural America." Dr. McGuire is the Democratic nominee for Iowa's Fifth Congressional District.

Dr. Robert Millman is a Professor of Psychiatry and Public Health at the Cornell University Medical College and the Director of drug and alcohol research and treatment programs at the New York Hospital. He believes that "the current medical care delivery system is wasteful, uncertain, remarkably complicated and unfair to large population groups. Health care reform is essential to guarantee each citizen a reasonable level of health care."

Dr. James "Jim" Mongan is the Executive Director of the Truman Medical Center and Dean of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, School of Medicine. Dr. Mongan was formerly an Assistant Surgeon General, Associate Director for Health and Human Resources, Department Assistant Secretary for Health Policy at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Special Assistant to the Secretary for National Health Insurance, professional staff member to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and Medical Officer for the U.S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Jeffrey "Jeff" Morris an ophthalmologist in private practice in San Diego, California. He is also a member of the clinical faculty at the University of California at San Diego, Department of Ophthalmology. Dr. Morris has served as a member of the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group. Dr. Morris has been particularly interested in the concept of health alliances and has been published on the topic.

Dr. Dinesh Patel is an orthopedic surgeon practicing at Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School in Boston. His innovative arthroscopic techniques in surgery to provide better quality of care with enormous cost reduction could be used for all. Dr. Patel by virtue of his public service as past chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for two years has first-hand knowledge of issues of public protection, safety, welfare, access to health care delivery, sub-standard care, due process and fundamental fairness -- a unique combination of academic innovation and knowledge which could be helpful to the country for health care reform.

Tim Porter-O'Grady, Ed.D., R.N. is a clinical specialist in gerontology and an international consultant in structuring integration in health care services. Dr. Porter-O'Grady is concerned with planning health care services across the continuum of care and creating partnership between the disciplines, service sections and administration to sustain a community framework for all health care services.

Dr. Irwin Redlener is a pediatrician and Director, Division of Community Pediatrics, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Montefiore Medical Center, and President of The Children's Fund where he directs the nation's largest health care program for homeless children. He has devoted his career to bringing health care to disadvantaged and disenfranchised child populations in the United States and abroad. Dr. Redlener served as a co-vice chair of the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group, is a consultant to HHS, and chairs the newly created Physicians Leadership Committee for Health Care Reform. A father of four, Redlener and his family reside in New Rochelle, New York. "I believe that access to comprehensive health care should be a fundamental right for every child."

Dr. Owen Rennert, a pediatrician and geneticist, is a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Rennert previously served as a senior surgeon in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Reyna is a private practice internist, geriatrics and QUAR specialist and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Reyna has served on numerous Task Force and other committees addressing primary care and minority population.

Dr. Julius Richmond, a pediatrician and child development specialist, is currently a Professor Emeritus of Health Policy at Harvard University and serves as Chair of the steering committee for the Forum of the Future of Children and Families of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Richmond previously served as Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Elena Rios is an internist from Sacramento, California and coordinator of the National Hispanic Medical Association. Dr. Rios believes we must pass health care reform- public/private universal coverage to provide health care effectively in the United States especially to the underserved.

Dr. Richard Rockefeller, a family practice physician, is a clinical instructor at the Maine Medical Center/Mercy Hospital Family Residency Program and founder and President of the Health Commons Institute. Rockefeller states, "I was increasingly frustrated by the growing gap between the information that doctors and other caregivers can grasp and apply, the knowledge they need to optimally manage patients' problems. It is only right that individuals should control the care of their own bodies whenever possible."

Dr. Allan Rosenfield is a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. Currently, he is the Dean and Professor of Columbia University, School of Public Health, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Rosenfield has been a consultant to the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development, World Health Organization, Department of Health and Human Services, and the city and state of New York. He continues to be actively involved in family planning and population issues.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Ruben is a surgeon and otorhinolaryngologist specializing in pediatric otolaryngology. He is the Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology at Einstein College of Medicine and the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. Dr. Ruben has served as a principal investigator of grants funded by the National Institute of Health, and as an advisor to the FDA.

Dr. Leonard "Len" Sharzer is a private practice plastic surgeon in New York City. He has participated in numerous international "Operation Smile" missions which provide plastic surgery to under-privileged children in third world countries.

Dr. Steve Shelov, a pediatrician and educator, practices and teaches in an urban, under-served area in New York City and each day witnesses the inadequacies of health care available to a population that is unable to access sufficient preventive and health maintenance services for their children. Shelov states, "[I have seen] emergency rooms become the family physicians while prompt, less expensive care is replaced with untimely and often more expensive acute care. Health reform must increase available access for this at-risk and needy population of children."

Dr. Aaron Shirley, a pediatrician, is the Project Director for the Jackson-Hines Comprehensive Health Center. He was previously a Head Start consultant and worked with the Tufts Delta Health Center and Mississippi Action for Progress Organization providing comprehensive rural health and education in Mississippi. He has served on numerous committees addressing the needs of children and rural under-served.

Dr. David R. Smith, a pediatrician, is the current Commissioner of Health for the State of Texas. He serves on the faculties of the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. Previously, Dr. Smith was Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Special Populations and Program Development. A strong proponent of community-oriented primary care and a strong believer in the value of prevention as a key ingredient in true health care reform, Dr. Smith is dedicated to reducing needless illness, suffering and death by bringing down the barriers to comprehensive and continual health care for all.

Dr. Jacque Sokolov, an internist, is the CEO and founder of Advanced Health Plans that develops, implements and advances integrated health delivery systems. Dr. Sokolov designed and implemented Southern California Edison's highly successful self-insured managed care program, Health Flex.

Dr. Reed Tuckson, an internist, is the President of the Drew University of Medicine and Science. Previously, he was a Senior Vice President for Programs for the March of Dimes and Commissioner of Public Health in the District of Columbia. Dr. Tuckson was a member of the President's Task Force, Health Professions Review Group.

Dr. Jorge Valle is a gynecologist who has been practicing reproductive medicine for the past 20 years. Dr. Valle states, "[I have] witnessed with growing concern how many couples, unable to conceive, are being treated arbitrarily by many insurance companies that deny them medical coverage under the assumption that infertility is not a health issue. Since infertility has an enormous impact in the lives of these couples, I feel like many others, that health care reform that addresses this issue with fairness is needed."

Dr. Sterling Williams Jr. is an obstetric-gynecology specialist in infectious diseases. He is a Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology and Vice Chair for Academic Affairs at Columbia University in New York City. Dr. Williams has served on numerous task force and committees addressing teenage and problems pregnancies and human sexuality.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

20-Mar-1995 06:20pm

TO: Jeremy D. Benami
TO: Diana M. Fortuna
TO: Jennifer L. Klein
TO: Gaynor R. McCown

FROM: Julie E. Demeo
 Domestic Policy Council

CC: Carol H. Rasco

SUBJECT: Trip Meetings

As you may know, Carol will be taking a week long trip. Her itinerary follows:

March 28th (am): Nashville, TN
March 28th (pm): Arrive Atlanta for economic conf (March 29th)
March 29th (pm): Leave Atlanta for St. Louis, spend March 30th in
 St. Louis at Paraguard.
March 30th (pm) - April 2nd (am) = personal time
April 2nd (am): Depart St. Louis for San Diego
April 2nd (mid-day): Arrive San Diego, tour border, do a
 political event and then tour border again.
April 3rd (am): Give SHEA speech on health care reform,
 8:40-9:10, and Q & A from 9:10-9:20am.
April 3rd (11:36am): Fly back to DC!!!

She will need a lot of preparation for this particular trip and all of you (with the exception of Gaynor) have been assigned a task to help in Carol's prep.

Carol is having 2 to 3 trip prep meetings to make sure all loose ends are covered. You are all expected to be there. If you have

a conflict, please let me know.

The meetings are: Wednesday, March 22nd @ 6:15pm
Monday, March 27th @ 10:00am
& (if needed) - Monday, March 27th @ 4:30pm

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

16-Mar-1995 09:02pm

TO: Jeremy D. Benami
TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Julie E. Demeo
 Domestic Policy Council

CC: Jennifer L. Klein

SUBJECT: NORD Speech Contact

Here's some info I got re: Carol's speech to NORD (National Assoc of Rare Disorders) on April 24?

I assume Jen Klein is the appropriate staff contact. If not let me know so we can forward the appropriate info to the right person.

INFO:

- CHR should speak any where from 15 to 30 minutes (it is up to her)
- they would like her to talk about general health care reform.
- There is no Q & A
- CHR will be receiving an award
- Carol speech is in the beginning of the program (it will start somewhere between 8:05pm and 8:30pm. The program begins at 8:00pm.

Also the NORD guy asked who else he should send out invitations to, so far he'd sent one to Carol and one to Chris Jennings. I told him I would ask Carol for her input.

Carol - let me know

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February 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JEN KLEIN

FROM: JULIE DEMEO *JD*
Subject: Upcoming Health Care Speeches

The following are upcoming health care speeches or events, which (I believe) you will serve as the staff contact for briefing/speech materials:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Karen
11:45 - 12:30 SPEECH to Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, at their conference on "Family-Centered Reform." (Jen Klein will go), The Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St, NW, contact: Karen 775-0436.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

April 1st-4th: The Annual Planning Meeting Committee for The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), San Diego, CA. Meeting is from April 2nd-April 4th, **Your keynote address is scheduled for April 3rd.**

MONDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 - 10:30 SPEECH to the National Association of Children's Hospital's and Related Institutions, J.W. Marriott, Washington, DC, contact: Jane Knopps (703) 684-1355.

I have attached information Carol has received to date on these speeches. I will forward additional information as it arrives. Please keep me informed on the status of each event.

Thank you.

cc: Carol Rasco
Jeremy Ben-Ami

April 12 Natl Assoc of WIC Directors

*Jen -
This is not
complete
but I wanted
you to at
least see the
March 15th
speech.*

*I'll get you the
rest
today*

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Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

TO: Julie Demeo - *Share w/ whomever preparing notes*
FROM: Karen VanLandeghem *TO: Jen*
DATE: February 22, 1995
RE: AMCHP Talking Points for Carol Rasco's Closing Keynote Presentation

This memorandum is in follow-up to our conversation last week regarding Carol Rasco's confirmation to speak at the upcoming AMCHP Annual Meeting and your request for talking points. As you know, Ms. Rasco will be providing the closing keynote to a three-day conference addressing "Systems Reform for Family-Centered Services." Ms. Rasco spoke to our group last year as part of a panel and addressed many of the issues that we would like her to elaborate on this year particularly given the changes in Congress.

Specifically, Ms. Rasco might provide participants:

- her vision for comprehensive and integrated service systems for women, children, adolescents, and their families;
- the Administration's strategies for promoting integrated family-centered services;
- those goals related to integrated services for women, children and families that are mutual among the Administration and members of Congress; and
- her charge to the group for ways to help shape and strengthen state and federal agendas.

Sine The closing keynote is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on March 15th. Please inform Ms. Rasco that we would like her to leave time (approximately 15 minutes) for questions and answers.

Yes { Finally, when we spoke last week you mentioned that Ms. Rasco would be willing and interested in meeting with a small group of the MCH Directors. The Directors would be delighted to meet with her for approximately 30-45 minutes immediately following the closing keynote. I will contact you in the next two days to discuss whether this is still a possibility.

Thank you for all of your assistance. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 775-0436.

**The National Association of Children's Hospitals
and Related Institutions, Inc.**

March 1, 1995

Ms. Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Ms. Rasco:

We are delighted that you will be addressing the nation's children's hospitals on Monday, April 24, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. in Washington. Your presentation is scheduled for 10:00-10:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom Salons III/IV.

The conference, which will draw more than 200 executive, medical and volunteer leaders of children's hospitals from around the country, is entitled, "Pediatric Networks: Forging Partnerships for Children's Health." Our purpose is to help children's hospitals to fulfill their missions of service to all of the children of their communities in fast-changing, competitive health care markets, by fostering new partnerships in the development of integrated child health care networks.

We would be very interested in hearing your personal views, as well as the views of the administration, on two issues of great importance to children's hospitals. The first is the administration's recommendations for incremental insurance reform that will reverse the erosion of private health care for children, which is becoming ever more of a problem. The second is the administration's perspective on the most effective ways to facilitate states' ability to enroll Medicaid recipients in managed care while ensuring children have access to appropriate pediatric primary and specialty care.

Our staff will be in touch with your office a few weeks before the conference to see if there is any further information you need. Thank you again for your kind acceptance of our invitation to speak at the NACHRI conference. We are looking forward to it.

Sincerely,



Lawrence A. McAndrews

cc: Jonathon Bates and Blanche Moore, Arkansas Children's Hospital



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