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Dear Attorney Advocates for Patients:

Please join us in Washington D.C. on April 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for a symposium on Medicare and patient advocacy. This symposium, which has been organized collaboratively with Patient Advocate Foundation and The George Washington University's School of Public Health and Health Services, Department of Health Policy, offers an impressive array of expert speakers on Medicare, and an overview of the key emerging legal issues that will affect the program and its more than 40 million beneficiaries in the coming years. **The purpose of the symposium is not only to offer in-depth insight into Medicare but also to discuss the techniques and challenges of representing Medicare beneficiaries whose claims for treatment have been denied or delayed or whose quality of care has been adversely affected.** We are in the process of getting CLE credits for this event through George Washington University.

The symposium's confirmed speakers are some of the best in the U.S. Dr. Tricia Neuman, Vice President and Director of the Medicare Policy Project, Kaiser Family Foundation, Washington, D.C., testifies regularly before Congress and will provide a demographic profile of current and future Medicare beneficiaries and the ways in which coverage and care are changing. Dr. Brian Biles, an expert in Medicare Advantage, will provide an overview of the Medicare Appeals process and Medicare Advantage plans. Dr. Marilyn Moon, an internationally recognized Medicare expert and former public trustee of the Medicare Trust Funds, will focus on the prospects for national health care reform generally and Medicare reform specifically. Symposium faculty will also include senior lawyers from Center for Medicare Advocacy who will outline current litigation trends and emerging legal theories and share their experiences in bringing successful cases on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

The seminar will begin on Friday afternoon, April 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and will run through Saturday, April 12, 2008, with pre-registration at noon and formal opening at 2:00 p.m. The location will be The GWU campus at Foggy Bottom. Arrangements have been made for a special conference room rate at two hotels adjacent to the campus: a block of rooms is available at The GWU Inn for \$179 per night and The River Inn for \$209 per night. You must give the room block of "PAFNLS" for the special conference rate. The deadline for reserving rooms at this rate is March 21st, 2008:

The River Inn  
924 25<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202) 337-7600 phone  
(202) 342-5537 fax

The George Washington University Inn  
824 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(800) 426-4455  
(202) 337-2540

So make your plans today to join us in Washington, D.C. on April 11-12, 2008 for PAF's symposium on representing Medicare beneficiaries.

You may register on-line at <http://nls.patientadvocate.org> by going to the National Legal Symposium: Representing Medicare Patients: What Advocates and Lawyers Need To Know. The National Cherry Blossom festival is taking place March 29-April 13, 2008 and in full swing during our symposium.

Registration is \$100.00 per applicant. Travel and lodging are not included. Early Bird Registration is January 21st through February 28th for \$75.00. Payment is payable to Patient Advocate Foundation in full at the time of registration.

It is a pleasure to recognize Robert Perez, Esq., Perez Law Firm in Cincinnati, Ohio as a principal sponsor of this event.

Sincerely,

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