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Comptroller General Walker Announces Appointment of Members to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

Comptroller General of the United States David M. Walker has appointed three new members and reappointed two members to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). The official announcement will be published in the Federal Register.

The newly appointed members are **Nancy-Ann DeParle, J.D.**, Senior Advisor, JP Morgan Partners and Adjunct Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; **David F. Durenberger**, President, Public Policy Partners, Inc.; Senior Health Policy Fellow at the Graduate School of Business, University of St. Thomas; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, University of St. Thomas/University of Minnesota's National Institute of Health Policy; and former U.S. Senator from Minnesota; and **Nicholas J. Wolter, M.D.**, Chief Executive Officer, Deaconess Billings Clinic and Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician, Billings Clinic. Members reappointed are **Carol Raphael**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Visiting Nurse Service of New York; and **Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N.**, Director, Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Commissioners whose terms will expire in April 2003 are **Autry O.V. "Pete" DeBusk**, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and founder of DeRoyal; **Glenn M. Hackbarth, J.D.**, an independent consultant; **Alan R. Nelson, M.D.**, Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine; **Robert D. Reischauer, Ph.D.**, President of The Urban Institute; **David A. Smith**, Senior Policy Advisor to the President of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations; and **Ray E. Stowers, D.O.**, Director of Rural Health in the Department of Family Medicine at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Commissioners whose terms will expire in April 2004 are **Sheila P. Burke**, Under Secretary for American Museums and National Programs, Smithsonian Institution; **Allen D. Feezor**, Assistant Executive Officer, Health Benefit Services, California Public Employees' Retirement System; **Ralph W. Muller**, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of

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Chicago Hospitals and Health Systems (on sabbatical at the King's Fund in London since July 2001); **Joseph P. Newhouse, Ph.D.**, John D. MacArthur Professor of Health Policy and Management, Harvard University; **Alice Rosenblatt**, Chief Actuary and Senior Vice President of Integration Planning and Implementation, WellPoint Health Networks; and **John W. Rowe, M.D.**, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Aetna Inc.

Following are brief biographies of the new commission members. For further information, contact MedPAC's Executive Director, Murray N. Ross, Ph.D., at (202) 653-7220.

Nancy-Ann DeParle, J.D. is a Senior Advisor to JP Morgan Partners, LLC, and an Adjunct Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. From November 1997 to October 2000 Ms. DeParle served as Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) (now the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which oversees the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs. After resigning from HCFA, Ms. DeParle became a joint Fellow of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and Interfaculty Health Policy Forum. Before joining HHS, Ms. DeParle was Associate Director for Health and Personnel at the White House Office of Management and Budget. From 1987 to 1989 she served as the Tennessee Commissioner of Human Services. She has also worked as a lawyer in private practice in Nashville, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C. Ms. DeParle received a B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1978, an M.A. from Oxford University, which she attended as a Rhodes Scholar, and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1983.

David F. Durenberger is President, Public Policy Partners, Inc.; Senior Health Policy Fellow at the Graduate School of Business, University of St. Thomas; and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, University of St. Thomas/University of Minnesota's National Institute of Health Policy. He is also the Chairman, Citizens for Long Term Care, and President, Medical Technology Leadership Forum. From 1979 through 1995, he served as U.S. Senator from Minnesota. In 1980, Senator Durenberger became Chair of the Senate Finance Committee's Health Subcommittee. He authored or co-authored most Medicare/Medicaid, health insurance, and other health reform legislation from 1980 until President Clinton's Health Security Act in 1993, including the original Health Insurance Reform Act, which eventually became Kassebaum-Kennedy that was enacted in 1996. During his Senate career, Senator Durenberger served as Vice Chair of the Pepper Commission in 1989-1990. He was also a member of HHS Secretary Otis Bowen's Medicare Catastrophic Committee, the Congressional Bio Ethics Committee, the National Infant Mortality Commission, and the Congressional Advisory Committee to the Office of Technology Assessment. Senator Durenberger began his career as Chief of Staff to Governor Harold LeVander of Minnesota in 1966, when Medicare, Medicaid, and the Great Society's health, welfare, and social programs were being launched in Washington. Senator Durenberger graduated from

St. John's University, the University of Minnesota Law School, and served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1963.

Nicholas J. Wolter, M.D. is a practicing physician and has been Chief Executive Officer, Deaconess Billings Clinic, Billings, Montana, since 1997. Prior to then, Dr. Wolter was Deaconess Billings Clinic's Physician/Medical Executive Officer and before that he was Chairman, Billings Clinic Partnership. From 1987 to 1993 he was the Medical Director, Critical Care Unit, Deaconess Medical Center. Dr. Wolter received a B.A. degree from Carleton College in 1969, an M.A. from the University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies in 1974, and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1977. Dr. Wolter is a Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine, with a subspecialty certification in pulmonary medicine.