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Subject: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Education and Information Event Coming to Delray Beach

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Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Education and Information Event Coming to Delray Beach, FL

Counselors to help beneficiaries with Prescription Drug Plan choices, enrollment

WHO: Josefina Carbonell, Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Administration on Aging

Dick Maloney, Health Insurance Specialist, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

WHAT: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is bringing education and information regarding Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan to Delray Beach, Florida. Assistant Secretary Carbonell will present information regarding the new prescription drug benefit. A team of counselors will be available to assist with enrollment.

WHEN: January 31, 2006 at 9:00 AM

WHERE: Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center
14620 South Military Trail
Delray Beach, FL 33445
561-852-3333

BACKGROUND: Beginning January 1, prescription drug coverage became available to all Americans with Medicare. Every person with Medicare – no matter how they get their health care today or whether they have existing drug coverage – will be eligible for drug coverage under a Medicare prescription drug plan. The drug plans are available in all parts of the country, and they will cover brand name and generic drugs. Prescriptions can be obtained from neighborhood pharmacies and through mail order.

All Medicare beneficiaries have a choice of plans, so they can get the coverage that meets their needs. They will need to make a decision soon about signing up for Medicare's new prescription drug coverage – and President Bush has launched a nationwide outreach effort to help them to make an informed decision. Enrollment continues through May 15.

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