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Roundtable News

The Roundtable is looking forward to the upcoming **Congressional Breakfast and Washington Outreach Day on Tuesday, March 8th in Washington, DC**. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with key Congressional staff and hear their insights on the health care landscape and the new Republican majority's health care agenda for the next two years. Following the breakfast, we will be meeting directly with Members of Congress and their staff to help raise the profile of critical care medicine on Capitol Hill and garner support for the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2011. **Please advise us of your attendance to ensure that you are able to meet with your Representatives to educate them about major issues facing the critical care community. To RSVP, contact sskubikowski@CriticalCareRoundtable.org, or call us at (202)466-8700 with any questions.**

Capitol Hill Events and Updates

[House Energy and Commerce Committee: Full committee hearing on 'The Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform'](#)

On Tuesday, March 1, 2011, the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a hearing entitled "The Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform." Witnesses to be announced.

Date: Tuesday, March 1st
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: 2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Witnesses: TBA

[House Ways and Means Committee: Oversight Subcommittee meeting to organize for the 112th Congress and hearing on 'Improving Efforts to Combat Health Care Fraud'](#)

The hearing will focus on current policies and programs designed to prevent and punish Medicare fraud, as well as new and innovative practices aimed at preventing health care fraud in the private sector. The hearing will also explore how the public sector and private sector can learn from each other about new tools to combat Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse.

Date: Wednesday, March 2nd
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: 1100 Longworth House Office Building
Witnesses: TBA

Senate Finance Committee: Full committee hearing on ‘Preventing Health Care Fraud: New Tools and Approaches to Combat Old Challenges’

The Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Max Baucus (MT), will hold a hearing on “Preventing Health Care Fraud: New Tools and Approaches to Combat Old Challenges.”

Date: Wednesday, March 2nd

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses: Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Program Integrity at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Daniel Levinson, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Trust for America’s Health Briefing: “New National Medical Countermeasures Strategy”

Trust for America’s Health (TFAH) has convened three leading experts in public health preparedness from ASPR, FDA and BARDA to discuss the new national strategy for Medical Countermeasures (MCMs), products used during an emergency disease outbreak or disaster (such as an anthrax vaccine, pandemic flu diagnostics and other necessary materials). Each representative will discuss their agency’s role in the new strategy, which represents an unprecedented collaboration among some of the leading agencies responsible for responding to public health emergencies and potential bioterrorist activities. Please RSVP to Jackie Britz at jbritz@tfah.org.

Date: Wednesday, March 9th

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: American Public Health Association, 800 I Street NW. Washington, D.C. 20001

Witnesses: George Korch, (acting) Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Luciana Borio, Senior Advisor for Medicine and Public Health and Acting Director of the Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Food and Drug Administration
Richard Hatchett, Deputy Director and Chief Medical Officer, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)

Federal Activity

“IOM Releases New Report - Preparedness and Response to a Rural Mass Casualty Incident - Workshop Summary,” (report) Institute of Medicine, February 22, 2011

In response to a request from the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services, and with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the IOM’s Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events held a workshop August 3-4, 2010. Speakers and participants examined the current capabilities of emergency response systems and the future opportunities to improve mass casualty response in rural communities. This document summarizes the workshop.