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Consumer-Driven Health-Care Policy Public Input Tour, July 13-15, Co-Sponsored by Patients United Now and Public Interest Institute

Public Interest Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan, public-policy think tank, in cooperation with **Patients United Now**, will be hosting a **Consumer-Driven Health-Care Policy** media and public input tour next week, July 13-15. This tour will feature three outstanding national presenters on consumer-driven, patient-focused health care. As the nation moves forward on health-care reform efforts, it is important to fully discuss and address the concerns of all Americans and all Iowans. These public forums are designed to answer questions about non-government driven and directed health-care reform options.

In Des Moines on Monday, July 13, will be Dr. Eric Novack, Senior Fellow for Health Policy with Americans for Prosperity.

In Cedar Rapids/Iowa City on Tuesday, July 14 will be Mr. Roy Ramthun, Visiting Fellow with the Council for Affordable Health Insurance.

In Davenport/Bettendorf on Wednesday, July 15 will be Mr. Greg Scandlen, Director of Consumers for Health Care Choices.

The speakers will be joined by Dr. Don Racheter, President of the Public Interest Institute, other local health-care leaders, and PII Research Analysts Doug Stout and Deborah Thornton. The media and public are invited to attend all three forums. They will begin with a light supper, followed by presentations by the panel and responses to audience questions.

Dr. Novack and Dr. Racheter will be featured guests on the Steve Deace Show, WHO 1040 from 4-6 p.m. with a radio town hall on Consumer-Driven Health

Care on Monday, July 13; the Bob Bruce Show, WMT 600 from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14; and the Jim Fisher Show, WOC 1420 from 4-5 p. m on Wednesday, July 15 so that those who cannot attend the forums in person can still call-in questions.

The public forums will be held at the following locations:

Des Moines, on Monday, July 13, at **The Machine Shed Restaurant**, 11151 Hickman Road (I 80/35 – Exit 125) from 7:00-8:30p.m., with a light supper provided beginning at 6:30. Featuring Dr. Eric Novack, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with a full-time clinical practice in Glendale, Arizona. As Senior Fellow for Health Policy with Americans for Prosperity he speaks and writes nationally on health-care issues; working to promote freedom and patient autonomy in our health-care system. From 2005-2007 Dr. Novack hosted a weekly radio program on KKNT in Phoenix, Arizona, dedicated to local, national, and international health-care policy.

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, on Tuesday, July 14, at **Kirkwood Community College, in the Continuing Education Building**, Room 159 B&C, Kirkwood & 76th Streets, Cedar Rapids, from 7-8:30p.m., with a light supper provided beginning at 6:30. Featuring Mr. Roy Ramthun, President of HSA Consulting Services, specializing in Health Savings Account programs. He is a former member of The White House National Economic council, and of the Department of Treasury Health Initiatives leadership team. He has a Masters degree from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, and is a national expert on Health Savings Accounts.

Davenport/Bettendorf, on Wednesday, July 15, at **St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center Ballroom**, Gaines Street and W. Lombard, Davenport, from 7-8:30 p.m., with a light supper provided beginning at 6:30. Featuring Mr. Greg Scandlen, Director of Consumers for Health Care Choices. Previously, Mr. Scandlen spent many years in health-care policy and financing, including twelve years in the Blue Cross Blue Shield system, and five years as Founder and Executive Director of the council for Affordable Health Insurance. He is considered one of the nation's foremost experts on consumer-driven health care, insurance regulation, employee benefits and health care financing. He writes and produces the weekly Consumer Power Report.

Our national speakers will be joined by Dr. Don Racheter, President of the Public Interest Institute, who received his PhD from the University of Iowa, and who has been following public policy, including health-care policy, here in Iowa for over 35 years. PII Research Analyst Doug Stout earned an MBA from Iowa State University and an MA in Political Science and a JD from the University of Iowa. PII Research Analyst Deborah Thornton earned her MBA at the University of Maryland.

All media and the public are invited to attend these informative presentations. Please RSVP to 319-385-3462 so that we will have enough food on hand. Please see our website: www.limitedgovernment.org for background on health-care policy issues