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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 three members to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Glenn M. Hackbarth, J.D. has been named Chair and Robert D. Reischauer, Ph.D. has been named Vice Chair. The official announcement will be published in the Federal Register.

The newly appointed members 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; and **Ralph W. Muller**, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System. Members reappointed are **Joseph P. Newhouse, Ph.D.**, John D. MacArthur Professor of Health Policy and Management, Harvard University; **Alice F. Rosenblatt**, Chief Actuary and Senior Vice President, Merger and Acquisition Integration Team, Wellpoint Health Networks; and **John W. Rowe, M.D.**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Aetna US Healthcare.

Commissioners whose terms will expire in April 2002 are **Beatrice S. Braun, M.D.**, member, American Association of Retired Persons Board of Directors; **Floyd D. Loop, M.D.**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Board of Governors, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation; **Janet Newport**, Corporate Vice President of Public Policy, PacifiCare Health Systems, Inc.; **Carol Raphael**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Visiting Nurse Service of New York; and **Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D.**, Professor and Director, Center for Health Policy, Research, and Ethics, George Mason University.

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 and former Chief Executive Officer of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates; **Alan R. Nelson, M.D.**, Special Advisor to the Office of the Executive Vice President of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM); **Robert D. Reischauer, Ph.D.**, President of The Urban Institute; **David A. Smith**, Director of the Public Policy Department, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and **Ray E. Stowers, D.O.**, Director of Rural Health in the Department of Family Medicine at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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.

**Sheila P. Burke** is Under Secretary for American Museums and National Programs, Smithsonian Institution. Previously, she was Executive Dean at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Before that, she was Chief of Staff to Senator Robert Dole in the Office of the Republican Leader and Secretary of the Senate of the U.S. Senate. Ms. Burke helped shape the 1983 Medicare prospective payment system law and much of the health care cost containment legislation of the 1980s. Ms. Burke received her M.P.A. from Harvard University.

**Allen D. Feezor** is the Assistant Executive Officer, Health Benefit Services, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Prior to joining CalPERS, Mr. Feezor served as Vice President for Planning, Marketing, and Managed Care for University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, affiliated with the East Carolina University School of Medicine. He also has served as Chief Deputy Commissioner for the North Carolina Department of Insurance and Chief Executive of the North Carolina Teachers', State Employees' and Retirees' Health Plan. Mr. Feezor received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Duke University.

**Ralph W. Muller** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System. Mr. Muller also served as the Deputy Dean of the Division of the Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago. Before joining the University, Mr. Muller held senior positions with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts including Deputy Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. Mr. Muller received a B.A. degree from Syracuse University and his M.A. from Harvard University.