

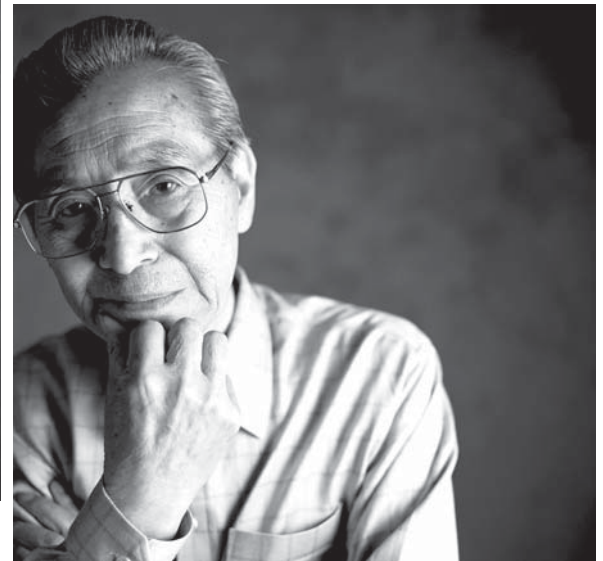
LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING SOLUTIONS

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Tuesday, March 31, 2009
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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“It is critically important that policy makers at all levels of government understand that there will be no real solution to the health care crisis without a complementary solution to the long-term care crisis, and vice versa.”

~ National Commission for Quality Long-Term Care
“From Isolation to Integration: Recommendations to Improve Quality in Long-Term Care,” Dec. 3, 2007

Today, 10 million Americans need long-term care. As our country ages, that number is only expected to grow. In the next three decades, the number of Americans needing long-term care is expected to double, leaving our nation's long-term care financing system – based largely on Medicaid – in jeopardy.

We must act now to ensure that today's seniors and disabled adults receive the best possible care and that long-term care is affordable for future generations.

Taking the Initiative

Please join us for a groundbreaking, interactive discussion about potential approaches to long-term care financing reform and what Kansas can do to be a national leader in creating solutions.

Top experts are being brought together for a candid discussion on the best possible solutions to this issue. Your involvement in this discussion is important!

Who Should Attend

State policymakers, regulators, health care and aging services providers, consumers and students.

This forum will help you:

- Understand how the approaches to long-term care financing impact consumers' access to options for older adult services.
- Recognize the significant impact current approaches to paying for older adult services have on state and federal budgets.
- Identify realistic strategies to reform long-term care financing.
- Evaluate long-term care financing strategies that maximize personal responsibility for paying for services.

Need for Urgency

No doubt there has been much discussion at the state and national level about health care reform. But very little time and energy has been devoted to reforming the financing system for long-term care. Yet long-term care costs are a major driver of rising health care costs, impacting the availability of funds for other critical needs including medical care for our nation's children.

Consider the following:

- Seniors consume the largest share of health resources.
- We are about to experience a huge demographic shift at both the state and national level.
- While 47 million Americans do not have health insurance, there are 250 million Americans uninsured for long-term care.

Long-term care insurance is a partial solution for only one in five Americans who qualify. But what about the rest of us? We'll have to spend down life savings to receive Medicaid – or live with unmet needs. Imagine the enormous impact on federal and state budgets as well as family finances.



REGISTRATION FORM

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Register Online at:

https://www.ptfassociates.com/secure/longtermsolutions/registration_ks.htm
OR Fax form to (304) 724-3007

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 26, 2009

This is a FREE event. Space is limited. Register today.

One form per person, please.

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Are you? Check categories that apply:

Consumer Older Adult Service Provider Policymaker/Regulator

Student Other: Please list: _____

If you are disabled or require special services, please describe your needs in writing:

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Date Received _____

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Program

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Honorable **Kathleen Sebelius**, Governor, State of Kansas (invited)

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

Aging Demographics and Long-Term Care in Kansas

Dr. Rosemary Chapin, Director, Office of Aging and Long-Term Care,
School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

National Perspectives on Long-Term Care Services and Supports

Larry Minnix, President and CEO, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Washington, D.C.

Mike Splaine, Director of Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association, Washington, D.C.

Moderator:

Jim McLean, Kansas Health Institute

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

What Does This Mean for Kansas? Is There a Viable Approach to Financing Long-Term Care?

Panelists:

The Honorable **Bob Bethell**, Kansas House of Representatives

The Honorable **Laura Kelly**, Kansas Senate

The Honorable **Sandy Praeger**, Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department

Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging

Shannon Jones, Executive Director, State Independent Living Centers of Kansas

Tom Akins, Vice President of Planning & Development, Brewster Place and COO, Brewster at Home, Topeka

Skye Leedahl, Hartford Predoctoral Scholar, University of Kansas

Moderator:

Gary Sherrer, Former Kansas Lt. Governor, 1996-2003 (invited)

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion

12:15 – 12:30 p.m.

Closing Conversation and Next Steps

Maren Turner, Executive Director, AARP-Kansas

Debra Harmon Zehr, President, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

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For questions about registration, call (304) 724-3004

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