



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: DISABILITY CONSORTIUM CALLS ON ADMINISTRATION TO
CORRECT NEW MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM PITFALLS**

WASHINGTON (February 10, 2006) – With the new Medicare prescription drug program plagued with problems and pitfalls for people with disabilities nationwide, the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a coalition of 105 national organizations that advocate for people with physical and mental disabilities, is calling on the Bush Administration to take immediate corrective measures.

What: A teleconference briefing for media to discuss CCD recommendations for immediate action by the Bush Administration to correct pitfalls and problems experienced by individuals with disabilities who were dually eligible under Medicaid and Medicare.

Who: Experts from CCD and individuals with personal stories discuss the significant difficulties with the new program. Included on the teleconference will be:

- Curtis Decker, CCD Chair and Executive Director of the National Disability Rights Network
- Kirsten Beronio, CCD Health Task Force Co-Chair and Senior Director of Government Affairs at the National Mental Health Association
- Aimee McCutcheon, Attorney for the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. (EST)

Call-in Number: (866) 339-5636

Conference Call ID: 2599753

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About the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a coalition of 105 national consumer, provider and advocacy organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of the 54 million children and adults with disabilities living in the United States. For more information, visit www.c-c-d.org.

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