

**Joint Informational Hearing  
of the  
Assembly Committee on Health (Assemblymember Chan, Chair)  
Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care (Assemblymember Berg, Chair)**

**MEDICARE DRUG COVERAGE: HOW IS IT GOING?  
WHAT IS THE STATE'S ROLE?**

Tuesday, March 21, 2006  
State Capitol, Room 4202  
Upon Adjournment of Bill Hearing

I. Opening Statements

II. Update on Dual Eligibles: Where do we stand?

- Toni Vargas, Staff Attorney, Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles
- Margaret Reilly, Assistant Program Manager for HICAP Services of Northern California
- Holly Leeds, MD, Auburn, CA
- Michael Negrete, PharmD, Vice President of Clinical Affairs, California Pharmacists Association
- Stan Rosenstein, Director of Medical Services, Department of Health Services

III. An Inside Look at Part D

- Low income subsidies: A missed opportunity  
Greg Knoll, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
- How Medicare Prescription Drug Plans Compare on Paper: Findings of California Health Care Foundation Report, *The Medicare Drug Benefit: How Good Are the Options?*  
Merry Davis, Program Officer, California HealthCare Foundation  
Jonathan Blum, Vice President, Avalere Health, LLC.

IV. What should California do?

- Jeanne Finberg, Directing Attorney, National Senior Citizen Law Center
- Elizabeth Abbott, Medicare Project Director, Health Access California; former Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Region IX

V. Public Comment