

## **Community Meetings On How To Make “Health Care Work For All Americans”**

Citizens’ for Health Care Working Group is holding its first round of community meetings on how to make “Health Care Work For All.” The first round of meetings will be held in 15 states beginning January, 2006. **First Round of cities and meeting dates are listed below.**

The Working Group, a nonpartisan organization, authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, is charged with listening to the views of the American people and developing recommendations for the President and Congress to provide U.S. citizens with “Health Care that Works for All Americans.” The *Health Report to the American People*, was released in October and serves as a basis to engage the American people in a dialogue on health care access, cost and quality issues. The Working Group consists of 15 members --14 citizens of diverse backgrounds from across the country, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt.

ACP support for this effort is consistent with implementing BOG Resolution 5-S05, which called for "engaging ACP Chapters in a national discussion regarding the “Health Care That Works for All Americans” Act and urged ACP Chapters and Chapter members to participate in public meetings as outlined in this act to articulate approaches to fundamentally change the American health system."

First round of cities and meeting dates are as follows:

Kansas City, MO (1/17)	Orlando, FL (1/24)	Baton Rouge, LA (1/26)
Memphis, TN (2/11)	Charlotte, NC (2/18)	Miami, FL (2/22)
Seattle, WA (2/25)	Denver, CO (2/27)	Los Angeles, CA (3/4)
Indianapolis, IN (3/11)	Detroit, MI (3/18)	Phoenix, AZ (3/25)
New York, NY (4/22)	Des Moines, IA (4/8)	Chicago, IL (TBA)

**Comments can also be sent to the Citizens’ Health Care Work Group website - Public Comments Center at:**

**[http://www.citizenshealthcare.gov/speak\\_out/public\\_comment.php?pguid=e73766d8-f911-4ad1-af6c-45b2b461cf8](http://www.citizenshealthcare.gov/speak_out/public_comment.php?pguid=e73766d8-f911-4ad1-af6c-45b2b461cf8)**

For more information, see the attached press release and fact sheet and their website at: [www.citizenshealthcare.gov](http://www.citizenshealthcare.gov).

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