

(May 12, 2006) IL Democrats will call on Congress to fix Part D

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TO HIGHLIGHT REPUBLICAN FAILURE TO EXTEND PART D ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

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CHICAGO, IL- U.S. Representatives Jan Schakowsky, Rahm Emanuel, Danny Davis, and Dan Lipinski and Senator Dick Durbin will be joined by advocates and seniors to hold a press conference on the arbitrary enrollment deadline for the Medicare Part D program. After Monday, seniors and people with disabilities will be forced to pay a late enrollment penalty that will increase throughout their lifetimes. The CBO estimates that an additional 1 million beneficiaries would have received coverage this year if the deadline was extended.

The members of Congress will also call for the passage of the Durbin-Schakowsky Medicare Prescription Drug Savings and Choice Act, which would provide a uniform benefit under Medicare that allows the agency to negotiate with the drug companies for lower prices, like the VA does.

WHO: Senator Dick Durbin and Reps. Schakowsky, Emanuel, Davis, and Lipinski

WHAT: Press conference on Part D Enrollment Deadline Day

WHEN: Monday, May 15th, 11:00 AM

WHERE: Amalgamated Senior Residences

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