

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

CONSUMERS' CHECKBOOK, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF
SERVICES,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants-Appellants.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

**AMICI CURIAE AARP, CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY, INC., NATIONAL
BUSINESS GROUP ON HEALTH, and PACIFIC BUSINESS GROUP ON HEALTH'S
RULE 29(B) NOTICE OF CONSENT FROM THE PARTIES
TO FILE A BRIEF AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF-APPELLEE**

Pursuant to D.C. Cir. R. 29(b), Amici Curiae AARP, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., National Business Group on Health, and Pacific Business Group on Health file this notice that all parties consent to the addition of Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., National Business Group on Health, and Pacific Business Group on Health as *amici* to AARP's filing of a brief in support of plaintiff-appellee.

AARP filed a Rule 29(B) Notice in this case on December 19, 2007. If the Court finds that leave is needed to participate as *amici*, please construe this notice as a motion for leave to

file to participate as *amici*. *Amici* agree to serve all parties with two copies of the brief and are filing the brief according to the proposed briefing order.

Dated: June 17, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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RULE 26.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 26.1, *amici curiae* AARP, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., National Business Group on Health, and Pacific Business Group on Health state the following:

AARP is a 501(c)4 nonprofit corporation with no parent companies, and which issues no stock. It has no parent companies or publicly held company that has a 10% or greater ownership interest (such as stock or partnership shares) in the entity. Through a wholly owned subsidiary, AARP Services, Inc., AARP makes available products and services from third party providers to its members. AARP's general purpose is as a membership association with almost forty million members aged 50 and older dedicated to the needs and interests of mid-life and older persons, including but not limited to access to affordable, high quality health care and economic security.

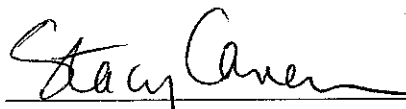
Center For Medicare Advocacy, Inc. (CMA) is a nonprofit corporation with no parent companies, and which issues no stock. It has no parent companies or publicly held company that has a 10% or greater ownership interest (such as stock or partnership shares) in the entity. CMA's general purpose is to provide education, analytical research, advocacy, and legal assistance to assist people nationwide, primarily the elderly and people with disabilities, to obtain necessary health care.

National Business Group on Health (NBGH) is a nonprofit corporation with no parent companies, and which issues no stock. It has no parent companies or publicly held company that has a 10% or greater ownership interest (such as stock or partnership shares) in the entity. NBGH's general purpose is as a membership organization with large employers dedicated to finding innovative and forward-thinking solutions to the nation's most important health care issues.

Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH) is a nonprofit corporation with no parent companies, and which issues no stock. It has no parent companies or publicly held company that has a 10% or greater ownership interest (such as stock or partnership shares) in the entity. PBGH's general purpose is as a coalition of businesses interested in promoting improvements in health care.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 17th day of June, 2008, I served a copy of the *Amici Curiae* AARP, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., National Business Group on Health, and Pacific Business Group on Health's Rule 29(B) Notice of Consent from the Parties to File a Brief Amici Curiae in Support of Plaintiff-Appellee and associated Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement, via Federal Express and electronic mail upon counsel at the addresses below:

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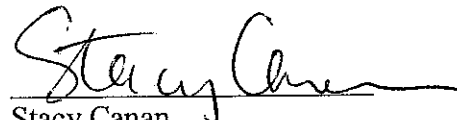
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