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Chairman Camp Announces Hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) today announced that the Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on President Obama's budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2014. **The hearing will take place on Friday, April 12, 2013 in 1100 Longworth House Office Building, beginning at 9:00 A.M.**

In view of the limited time available to hear witnesses, oral testimony at this hearing will be from the invited witness only. The sole witness will be the Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing.

BACKGROUND:

On April 10, 2013, President Obama is expected to submit his fiscal year 2014 budget proposal to Congress. The President's proposed budget will contain his tax, spending, and policy proposals for the coming fiscal year, including his proposed budget for the Department of Health and Human Services and the programs it operates and oversees. Many of the Department's programs such as Medicare, efforts to assist those who lack health insurance, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families are within the Committee's jurisdiction.

In announcing this hearing, Chairman Camp said, "I am encouraged that the President has signaled that he intends to include reforms to Medicare in this Budget. We look forward to this discussion, but our time is short and we must act soon to protect seniors and ensure the Medicare program remains solvent for future generations. We also will examine HHS' efforts to implement the Democrats' health care law, which threatens to increase health care costs for American families, and puts jobs and job creation further at risk, and jeopardizes the health care that many already have and like. The deadline to implement this law is just around the corner, and the American public needs much more information from this Administration about how it is preparing for this unwieldy new entitlement. Members also look forward to reviewing the

Administration's proposals affecting human services programs, including whether the Administration will continue its unlawful and unprecedented pursuit to waive the work requirements that have helped welfare recipients replace welfare checks with paychecks."

FOCUS OF THE HEARING:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sebelius will discuss the details of the President's HHS FY14 budget proposals that are within the Committee's jurisdiction.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:

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