

(Ross Township, PA) - U.S. Representative Jason Altmire today announced the creation of his Health Care Advisory Board. The Advisory Board consists of health care leaders from throughout the Fourth Congressional District and will provide Congressman Altmire with input on a wide range of health care issues facing western Pennsylvania and the nation. This morning, the group held its inaugural meeting at the Ross Township Municipal Building.

**"Access to high-quality, affordable health care is the number one issue facing hard working families in western Pennsylvania and across the country,"** said Congressman Altmire.

**"As Congress moves forward in addressing the nation's pressing health care concerns, especially the problem of rising health care costs and finding ways to cover the 47 million Americans who are currently uninsured, it is imperative that I hear from local leaders and individuals in the community who are on the front lines each day providing health care and services."**

**"The members of my Health Care Advisory Board represent a broad spectrum of the local health care community. I look forward to meeting with them regularly to discuss how to improve the delivery of health care, the impact of proposed legislation, and how to best meet the health care needs of western Pennsylvania's families."**

The members of Congressman Altmire's Health Care Advisory board are:

Radheshyam M. Agrawal, MD, Gastroenterology, Allegheny General Hospital

Ken Anthony, CEO, Healthsouth Harmarville

David Atcheson, DMD

M. Francesca Chervenak Esq., PA Health Law Project

Peter DeComo, Chairman and CEO, Renal Solutions, Inc.

John Denny, Director of Community Relations, The Hillman Company

David Fenoglietto, CEO, Lutheran SeniorLife

Steven Larchuk, Larchuk Law

Arlene Loeffler, Ph.D., American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Diane Ludewig, Director, WPIC Beaver Valley Medical Health Services

Norm Mitry, President and CEO, Heritage Valley Health System

Arthur Ring, Vice President, Government Relations, Pressley Ridge

Cindy Schamp, President and CEO, Alle-Kiski Medical Center

Jessica Seabury, Executive Director, Consumer Health Coalition

Joseph Terravecchia, OD, Pediatric and Adult Vision Care

Bob Thomas, Executive Director of Government Relations, MEDRAD, Inc.

Michael Warfel, Vice President, Government Relations, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield

Tom White, President and CEO, Jameson Hospital

Paul Winkler, President, Presbyterian SeniorCare

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