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**SENIOR ADVOCATES OF WASHTENAW INVITES SENIORS TO DISCUSS
NEW MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN WITH
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Ann Arbor, Michigan – Seniors in Washtenaw County and across the country have been making decisions about enrolling in the new Medicare prescription drug program (Part D). With 41 plans from which to choose locally, and considering the many variables effecting decisions including deductibles and specific medications covered, this can be a complicated task. Senior Advocates of Washtenaw, a part of the Blueprint for Aging, is inviting seniors to speak to elected officials about their experiences with the Medicare prescription drug plan. On May 22nd from 10 a.m. to noon at the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, representatives from both U.S. senatorial offices and one U.S. congressional office covering Washtenaw County will be on hand to listen to the voices of seniors.

The Senior Advocates of Washtenaw is a nonpartisan coalition of older adults, advocacy groups, and other interested parties initiated by the Blueprint for Aging to provide education and advocacy on public policy issues affecting older adults in Washtenaw County. Proposed activities of the group include identifying policy proposals that affect seniors, studying important issues, and making recommendations to elected officials and other key community leaders.

The Blueprint for Aging is a partnership of consumers, public, private, nonprofit agencies, and funders who are engaging the county in implementing plans to improve long term care and supportive services for older adults. The Blueprint for Aging is an integral part of Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPFOA) - a national program

of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, one of 8 projects nationwide selected to receive an implementation grant in May 2006. The Blueprint for Aging is also endorsed by the Washtenaw County Human Services Community and has received major support from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. For more information about the Blueprint for Aging, contact Rachel Dewees at 734.712.3625 or rdewees@csswashtenaw.org.

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