



Time for Change? The Outlook for Medicare and Social Security

Friday, March 25, 2005, 8:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.
 Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

In late March, the trustees of Medicare and Social Security will issue their annual reports on the two programs. As in previous years, the reports will warn that both programs face long-term fiscal crises. The president is poised to overhaul Social Security. Would the current proposals ensure its solvency? Should Medicare be on the agenda as well?

The event will begin with an address by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator Mark McClellan on the future of Medicare and prospects for reform. The chief actuaries of Medicare and Social Security will present the reports' major findings. Two panels of experts will respond to the projections and offer policy insights. Following those discussions, Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy Mark Warshawsky will give an overview of the Administration's priorities for Medicare and Social Security reform.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration

- 8:45 *Opening Address:* MARK MCCLELLAN, administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

- 9:30 **Panel I: The Outlook for Medicare**
Presenter: RICHARD FOSTER, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Discussants: LEN NICHOLS, Center for Studying Health System Change
 ROBERT REISCHAUER, Urban Institute
 GAIL WILENSKY, Project HOPE

Moderator: JOSEPH ANTOS, AEI

- 10:55 Break

- 11:00 **Panel II: The Outlook for Social Security**
Presenter: STEPHEN GOSS, Social Security Administration

Discussants: KENT SMETTERS, University of Pennsylvania
 EUGENE STEUERLE, Urban Institute
 CHRISTIAN WELLER, Center for American Progress

Moderator: JAMES K. GLASSMAN, AEI

- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon

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