

Message from Jan Vest, CEO, Signature Health Services, Inc.

As the Presenting Sponsor of Thursday's MarketCast, I would like to encourage you to attend another upcoming community event.

Signature Healthcare Foundation's annual Health Policy Forum will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Frontenac Hilton. This Foundation was started by the physicians of Signature Health Services, Inc. to bring physician leadership to increasing healthcare quality, efficiency & affordability.

More information about the event & how to register is below.

Signature Healthcare Foundation's Annual Health Policy Forum

*“Paying For The Baby Boomer's Healthcare:
Show Me The Money”*

Thursday, October 19, 2006
St. Louis Frontenac Hilton
1335 South Lindbergh, St. Louis

Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:00am. – 8:30a.m.

Program 8:30a.m. – 1:00p.m. (Program begins promptly at 8:30a.m.)

Featuring:

- John Rother, AARP
- Henry Aaron, Brookings Institution

Advance registration required: \$75.00 per person

Register by calling 314-416-0439, forum@signaturefoundation.org or online at www.signaturefoundation.org

Community Panel:

- Timothy McBride, St. Louis University
- Betty Sims, Former State Senator
- Eric Feinstein, Ascension Health

Speakers:

John Rother:

Mr. Rother is an expert on a wide range of issues, including Social Security, pension, Medicare, private health insurance, Medicaid, long-term care and older workers. In his position at AARP, he is responsible for federal and state public policy formulation, as well as for AARP's Global Aging Initiative and development of the organization's overall advocacy strategy.

Prior to joining AARP, he was staff director of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and Special Counsel for Health and Labor to Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY). Mr. Rother received his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he edited the *Law Review*, after graduating with honors from Oberlin College.

Mr. Rother is currently Chair of Generations United and Vice Chair of the National Quality Forum. He is a past member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), The American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation, The Foundation for Accountability, the Alliance for Health Reform, and the National Coalition on Health Care, among others. He served as a founding board member of the Corporation for National Service, Civic Ventures and the National Academy for Social Insurance.

Henry Aaron

Dr. Aaron is an expert in health care cost, financing and rationing, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and tax policy. His current projects include health care rationing, Medicare reform, healthcare spending and government budgets.

Prior to joining Brookings, he served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, taught at the University of Maryland and chaired the 1979 Advisory Council on Social Security.

He is a graduate of U.C.L.A. and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the advisory committee of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, among others. His many publications include "Can We Say No: The Challenge of Health Care Rationing" (with Melissa Cox) and *The Plight of Academic Medical Centers*, *Countdown to Reform: The Great Social Security Debate* (with Robert Reischauer).