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WEBMD HEALTH HOSTS LIVE CHAT WITH DR. MARK MCLELLAN, CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) ADMINISTRATOR ON JANUARY 25

Head of CMS Will Be Available to Answer Questions From Seniors, Caregivers and Professionals About Medicare and New Public Health Programs

New York, NY (January 21, 2005) – WebMD Health, the leading provider of online health information for consumers and physicians, will host a live online discussion with **Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD, Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), on Tuesday, January 25, at 1 p.m. ET.** Dr. McClellan will discuss the new Medicare preventive benefits introduced earlier this year by CMS, a Federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. McClellan will also discuss the upcoming prescription drug coverage which kicks off next year.

“WebMD is a powerful source for reaching Americans who seek information on public health issues each day,” said Wayne Gattinella, President, WebMD Health. “We are very pleased to partner with Dr. McClellan and CMS to help seniors and their caregivers learn more about the drug and benefit resources that are available to them.”

“Medicare is helping beneficiaries get more modern health care, with new preventive benefits and then next year help with paying for the medicines their doctors say they need,” said Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD, Administrator for CMS. “Working with trusted internet sites like WebMD, we can give seniors and people with disabilities highly effective ways to learn how they can improve their quality of life.”

Individuals interested in participating in the event should visit the event’s home page, www.Medicare-MedicaidTalk.webmd.com. Participants must be registered members of WebMD (registration is free).

Dr. Mark McClellan was sworn in as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on March 25, 2004. Dr. McClellan previously served as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration beginning in November 2002, following Senate confirmation by unanimous consent. During 2001 and 2002, Dr. McClellan served in the White House as a Member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, where he advised on domestic economic issues and was a senior policy director for health care and related economic issues. From 1998-99, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, where he supervised economic analysis and policy development on a wide range of domestic policy issues.

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