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### **Rep. Shuler & Members of Congress to Join HHS Secretary to Encourage “A Healthier US”**

*Washington, D.C.* –Congressman Heath Shuler will join Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt and other members of Congress to highlight “A Healthier US Starts Here” campaign, which is helping people prevent disease and live healthier more active lives.

The event will also feature recipients of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Lifetime Achievement Award, including Jack LaLanne, Dr. Ken Cooper and M.B. “Bud” Sereteau.

**What:** Press Conference Kick-off of “A Healthier US Starts Here”

**Who:** Congressman Heath Shuler; Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt; Other Members of the U.S. Congress

**When:** 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Where:** Garfield Circle in front of the US Capitol  
First and Maryland Streets, SW near the US Botanical Gardens

**Background:** Medicare covers many important screenings and other preventive benefits to help people with Medicare live healthier and more active lives. As part of the *Healthier US Starts Here* initiative, Medicare and its partners will raise awareness of the importance of preventing chronic disease and illness like heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes. The Medicare tour bus will visit each of the 48 continental states over the course of this spring and summer, bringing spokespersons to work with community partners, city and State leaders, and disease prevention advocates involved in these initiatives. People with Medicare will be asked to take action, talk to their healthcare providers and visit [www.mymedicare.gov](http://www.mymedicare.gov) to learn more about preventive services they are eligible to receive and access tools to help manage their healthcare.

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