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National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Announces Release of New Policy Paper on Alzheimer’s Disease Legislation

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A new article on Alzheimer’s Disease legislation, by leading health policy expert, David Hoffman, will be released on April 7th in the April 2014 issue of Health Affairs.

Hoffman, who sits on the National Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Disease, discusses the 33 states that have already developed coordinated plans to address Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia-related issues. Plans examined in the article reveal best practices that include the role of caregivers and researchers while calling for earlier detection efforts.

The article also highlights the fact that Alzheimer’s populations are also those populations at highest risk for other chronic diseases and conditions. “Good nutrition, regular physical activity, and disease management should all be thought of when policy decisions are being considered,” writes Hoffman.

Hoffman will be speaking at the Health Affairs briefing on Wednesday, April 9th from 8:30-12:30 at the W Hotel in Washington, DC. (Metro Center) in the Great Room, Lower Level. Journalists and stakeholders may register online at http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2014/03/26/health-affairs-briefing-long-reach-of-alzheimers-disease/ Dr. Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health will deliver the Keynote.

The complete article can be viewed at: http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/33/4/561?ijkey=R8WsOWDZnAZkE&keytype=ref&siteid=healthaff

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