

## **Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing**

### **“An Oversight Hearing on the Implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit”**

#### **Witness Biographies**

##### **Robert Hayes**

Medicare Rights Center

Robert Hayes is President and General Counsel of the Medicare Rights Center. Mr. Hayes led the National and New York Coalitions for the Homeless from 1979 to 1989, and has practiced law with firms in New York and Maine, including Sullivan and Cromwell and O’Melveny and Myers. A graduate of Georgetown University and the New York University School of Law, he is a MacArthur Foundation fellow and has received honorary degrees from ten colleges and universities.

##### **Thomas Rice**

UCLA School of Public Health

Thomas Rice is Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Health Services at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he teaches courses in health economics, research methodology, and current issues in health policy.

Dr. Rice received his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of California at Berkeley. He has conducted research and published in a number of areas, including health insurance for the elderly, the Medicare program, health care cost containment, the role of competition in health care reform, and managed care. Dr. Rice has testified before Congress numerous times on various health policy issues.

In 1988, he received the Association for Health Services Research Young Investigator Award, given to the outstanding health services researcher in the United States age 35 or younger. In 1992, he received the Thompson Prize from the Association for University Programs in Health Administration, awarded annually to the outstanding health services researcher in the country age 40 or under. In 1998, he received the Article-of-the-Year Award from the Association for Health Services Research.

Dr. Rice served as editor of *Medical Care Research and Review*, from 1994-2000. The second edition of his book, *The Economics of Health Reconsidered*, was published in 2003.

**Gerard Anderson**  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Gerard Anderson is the National Program Director for “Partnership for Solutions: Better Lives for People with Chronic Conditions,” a program sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He is a professor of health policy and management and International Health at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School Public Health, Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Associate Chair for Health Services Research in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Hospital Finance and Management, and Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Program for Medical Technology and Practice Assessment.

Dr. Anderson is currently conducting research on chronic conditions, comparative insurance systems in developing countries, medical education, hospital payment reform, and technology diffusion. Prior to his arrival at Johns Hopkins in 1983, Dr. Anderson held various positions in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he helped to develop Medicare prospective payment legislation. He has authored two books on health care payment policy, has published 160 peer reviewed articles, testified in Congress over 25 times, and serves on multiple editorial committees.

**Tim Westmoreland**  
Georgetown University

From 1979 through 1995, Professor Westmoreland served as Counsel to the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment in the United States House of Representatives. From 1995 through 1999, he was the Senior Policy Fellow at the Georgetown Law Center’s Federal Legislation Clinic. From mid-1999 through January 2001, Professor Westmoreland was the Director of the Medicaid program for the Federal government. He has worked extensively on public health and health finance policy. He has served as counsel to the Advisory Committee on Tobacco Policy and Public Health and an advisor to the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

**David Olig**  
Southpointe Pharmacy & Prescription Center Pharmacy

David Olig owns two pharmacies in Fargo, North Dakota. He is also a practicing pharmacist, with over 30 years of experience. Since graduating from North Dakota State University in 1975, Mr. Olig has worked as a hospital pharmacist for eight years and, for the last 22 years, as a pharmacy owner. In addition to maintaining his practice, for more than 15 years he has served on or chaired the Economic Advisory Committee for the

North Dakota Pharmacist Association. Mr. Olig lives in Fargo with his wife Jolette, who is also a pharmacist.