

# THE LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION GROUP

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Washington, DC 20004

## Long Term Care in the Netherlands: Current Programs and Imminent Policy Debates

Speaker: Peter Bootsma, MD,  
Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington, DC

Respondent: Howard Gleckman,  
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How are other developed countries addressing the long term care needs of their aged and disabled citizens? Peter Bootsma, MD, of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington, DC will provide an introduction to the integration of long term care into the health care and social insurance system of the Netherlands and will discuss changes in Dutch long term care entitlements to be presented this month by the current Dutch Government. These proposals will be debated by the Dutch Parliament and voted upon in November.

Howard Gleckman will follow Dr. Bootsma's presentation with a brief discussion to put the Netherlands' long term care system/policies in context with that of other European countries.

Peter A. Bootsma, M.D. is the Counselor for Health, Welfare and Sports at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington D.C., representing Dutch health and welfare interests in the United States and Canada. Before that Dr. Bootsma was Regional Director at the Netherlands Health Care Inspectorate in 2006. Between 2003-2006, he was (Acting) Director for Innovation, Professions and Ethics at the Netherlands Ministry of Health. Dr. Bootsma also held his present position at the Netherlands Embassy earlier from 1999-2003. Prior to this Washington D.C. assignment, he was Deputy Head of the Bureau for International Cooperation at the Netherlands' National Institute of Public Health. In that position, he was responsible for technical assistance projects and health development projects in West and East-European countries and countries of the former Soviet Union. From 1985-1991, he was responsible for different health care and technical assistance projects in developing countries. Dr. Bootsma started his career as a General Practitioner in an international setting.

Howard Gleckman is the author of *Caring for Our Parents* and is a Resident Fellow at The Urban Institute, where he is affiliated with both the Tax Policy Center and the Program on Retirement Policy. He is the author of two blogs,

the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center's fiscal policy blog *Tax Vox* and his own *Caring for Our Parents* blog on long-term care policy. Mr. Gleckman was a 2006-2007 Media Fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation and a 2006-2008 Visiting Fellow at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. He was formerly senior correspondent in the Washington bureau of *Business Week*, where he covered health and elder care, as well as tax and budget issues for nearly 20 years.

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