

THE LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION GROUP

A VOLUNTARY INDEPENDENT GROUP THAT MEETS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF EDUCATING THE POLICY COMMUNITY ON ALL FACETS OF LONG TERM CARE

**Thursday July 17, 2014
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

**America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005**

**TOPIC: "The SCAN Foundation's New Strategic Framework
And Options for Financing Long-Term Care"**

SPEAKER: Gretchen Alkema, Ph.D. - The SCAN Foundation

The SCAN Foundation is an independent, non-profit public charity devoted to transforming care for older adults in ways that preserve dignity and encourage independence. The Foundation envisions a future where high-quality, affordable health care and supports for daily living are delivered on each person's own terms, according to that individual's needs, values, and preferences.

Dr. Alkema will present on three topics:

- The SCAN Foundation's background, new strategic framework, and current initiatives/activities
- Past action on elevating challenges and viable solutions for long-term care financing and delivery
- Current efforts to create new options for financing future long-term care needs

Dr. Alkema is Vice President for Policy and Communications at The SCAN Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was the 2008-09 John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellow and an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, serving in the office of Senator Blanche L. Lincoln (D-AR). Dr. Alkema advised Senator Lincoln on aging, health, mental health, and long-term care policy during the health care reform debate.

Dr. Alkema holds a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California's Davis School of Gerontology and was awarded the John A. Hartford Doctoral Fellow in Geriatric Social Work and AARP Scholars Program Award. She completed post-doctoral training at the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence and was a research associate for the California Fall Prevention Center of Excellence. Dr. Alkema also earned a master's in social work with a specialist in aging certificate from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of

Colorado, Boulder. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, she practiced in government and non-profit settings including community mental health, care management, adult day health care, residential care and post-acute rehabilitation.

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