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### **UWM SEMINAR FOCUSES ON MEDICARE PART D DETAILS**

Milwaukee—"Retirees may have their employer sponsored prescription drug benefits retracted because they will be able to access the benefit through Medicare Part D," says Alice Kowalski, director of information and outreach for the Milwaukee County Department of Aging.

Kowalski is the scheduled keynote speaker at a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Medicare Part D seminar September 12. Kowalski's presentation will cover the wealth of information on the new program. The seminar is 12:30-4:30pm at the UWM School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Medicare Part D is the federal program to provide discounted prescriptions for senior and disabled citizens. Part D takes effect Jan. 1, 2006. All other Medicare prescription drug programs, including third party Medicare Approved Discount Cards, will be discontinued June 1, 2006.

Kowalski emphasizes the importance of this seminar to current Medicare or Medicaid participants, as well as retirees with privately sponsored prescription drug benefits. Part D does not require income reporting or verification to receive the benefit. Therefore, Kowalski says this program could mirror what happened to retirees in the mid-1960s. When Medicare A and B were introduced, retirees could no longer purchase a primary health plan if they were Medicare eligible.

CJ Kim, director of Social and Human Services Training, at the UWM School of Continuing Education says, "The seminar will go in-depth about all aspects of the transition to Part D. There will be information on the drug plans available, eligibility of financial assistance, how to handle dual Medicare and Medicaid eligibility, cost-sharing and the penalties for not enrolling on time."

On hand to provide information and answer questions about the change over will be representatives from the Social and Human Services Training program, the Milwaukee County Department of Aging and SeniorLaw, a private program that offers free legal services in the area of elder law.

The seminar's \$20 fee includes discounted parking and coffee. To learn more about the Medicare Part D Seminar please call CJ Kim at 414-227-3158 or email [cjkim@uwm.edu](mailto:cjkim@uwm.edu).

To register for the program, call 414-227-3200 and refer to Program Number 7750-1669.

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