

**** MEDIA ADVISORY ****

**Sens. Kirk, Wyden, Reps. Gerlach, Blumenauer, Actor Wilford Brimley to Introduce
Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2011**

WHO: Senator Mark Kirk (R-Ill.)
Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)
Congressman Jim Gerlach (R-PA- 06)
Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR- 03)
Actor Wilford Brimley

WHEN: Wednesday, September 14

9:15am

WHERE: United States Capitol Visitors Center

SVC 215

WHAT: With at least \$60 billion in waste, fraud and abuse threatening the solvency of Medicare, United States Senator Mark Kirk will join with Senator Ron Wyden, Representatives Jim Gerlach and Earl Blumenauer and actor Wilford Brimley in introducing bipartisan, bicameral legislation aimed at combating identity theft and wasteful Medicare spending. *The Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2011* would establish a pilot program to develop a Medicare card using secure smart card technology to protect beneficiary's personal information, prevent fraud among beneficiaries and providers and legitimize Medicare claims. The card is mirrored on the successful CAC card used by the Department of Defense and supported by the AARP.

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