

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2011

CONTACT: Connie Garner - (202) 261-7314

Advance CLASS Statement on HHS CLASS Announcement

Connie Garner, Executive Director of Advance CLASS, Inc. along with William L. Minnix, CEO of LeadingAge released the following statement on the HHS CLASS announcement today.

"The President of the United States promised to implement this program, and until we hear something different directly from the White House, we will expect him to keep that promise."

"The actuarial report established that CLASS can be implemented sustainably. The specific steps it recommends may not be perfect, but provide plenty of ideas for continued development and eventual implementation of a sustainable program."

"CLASS is a critical backstop, giving working families a tool to protect themselves from being one illness or injury away from poverty. Without it, there will only be greater strain on other healthcare programs, particularly Medicaid."