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**LOBBYING REPORT**

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1. Registrant Name <u>National Health Policy Group</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>801 Pennsylvania Ave, NW # 245, Washington DC 200</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <u>Washington</u> State/Zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name <u>Valerie Wilbur</u>	Telephone <u>202-624-1508</u>	E-mail (optional) <u>vwilbur@nhpg.org</u>	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <u>Medicare Policy Coalition for High Risk Beneficiaries</u>			6. House ID # <u>371850</u>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-Dec)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

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11. No Lobbying

**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<p><b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>60,000</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p><b>EXPENSES</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6013 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name and Title Valek Wimmer, Vice President

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Registrant Name National Health Policy Group Client Name Medicare Policy Coalition for Benefit

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant is engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

*see attached*

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

Check if None

*see attached*

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Valerie Wilbur	
Richard Bringewatt	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

check if None

Signature *Valerie Wilbur* Date 2/13/05

Name Valerie Wilbur, DDC President



**Registrant:** National Health Policy Group    **Client:** National Alliance for Specialty Healthcare Programs

## **16. Specific Lobbying Activities**

### **Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) Regulations (Public Law 108-173); Section 231, Medicare Advantage Plans for Special Needs Individuals (42 CFR, Parts 417, 422, 423)**

On behalf of the Medicare Policy Coalition for High Risk Beneficiaries, worked primarily with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on a provision of the Medicare Modernization Act called Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNP) for Special Needs Individuals. Reviewed draft interim MMA regulations and commented on areas related to Sec. 231 of P.L. 108-173 in areas such as the following:

- Definitions of special needs plans that disproportionately serve special needs beneficiaries
- Definitions of special needs individuals with severe or disabling chronic conditions and of institutionalized beneficiaries;
- Bidding procedures for demonstrations serving dually eligible beneficiaries;
- Rules pertaining to standard MA plans or demos transitioning to SNP status;
- Recommendations to enhance SNPs' ability to integrate Medicare and Medicaid services;
- Recommendations for enhancing payment for SNPs and refining performance evaluation methods and quality indicators to better account for plan performance in relation to the unique needs of high-risk individuals.

Also discussed the potential for Medicaid reform with selected Congressional staff to encourage attention to the need for better coordination between the Medicare and Medicaid programs for dually eligible beneficiaries.

## **17. Houses of Congress and Federal Agencies Contacted**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 United States Senate  
 United States House of Representatives

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