National Health Care Reform: What the Disability Community Needs from the Current Effort to Advance Our Employment Agenda

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Speakers: Peter W. Thomas, Principal, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville, P.C.
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Topic Overview:
Come hear a timely discussion from some of the key participants in the current health care reform effort. The panel will be led by Peter Thomas, a co-chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Health Care Task Force and long-time leading health policy advocate in the disability community, and Day al-Mohammed, a co-chair of the CCD Rights Task Force and active blogger on a range of disability and health policy issues. Then we will hear from two reactors from the disability community: Ari Ne’eman, President and Founder of the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network and Barbara Kornblau, who has been spearheading health reform activities for the Special Olympics and is active in a number of disability and civil rights coalitions working on the issue. The panelists will give an update on where things stand, what is at stake for the disability community, and where there are opportunities to make policy in the coming months that will advance the ability of people with disabilities to participate fully in the labor market.

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