

# The Health Practice Council

## 2007 Highlights

➤ Continued to help congressional staff and other policymakers make sense of the solvency challenges facing Medicare, including publishing a monograph on Medicare reform options, commenting on the Medicare trustees' report, and sponsoring a Capitol Hill briefing.

➤ Made presentations to the NAIC on the principle-based approach and long-term care.

➤ Developed a discussion paper on premium deficiency reserves.

➤ Commented to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on lessons learned from Medicare Part D.

➤ Updated an issue brief on mental health parity.

➤ Commented to Congress and policymakers on proposed genetic nondiscrimination legislation.

➤ Sent letters to Texas state officials asserting the Academy's support for accrual accounting for other post-employment benefits, as well as the process that led to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45.

➤ Testified at a House Small Business Committee hearing on expanding small-business health insurance coverage using the private medical reinsurance market.

➤ In conjunction with the Life, Casualty, and Risk Management and Financial Reporting councils, commented to the NAIC on its proposed life and health insurance principles for a principles-based reserving framework.

➤ Published a fact sheet on the adverse consequences of secondhand smoke that summarized main points from a 2005 Society of Actuaries (SOA) study and a 2006 surgeon general's report on the topic.



**Patrick Collins, second from left, testifies on health reinsurance before the House Small Business Committee.**

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