

CARES Congressional Contacts

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04/03/03					VISN 23	VISN 23 - Central Iowa VAMC staff gave presentations on CARES and Eligibility at a Congressional Symposium on April 3 sponsored by the VA Regional Office. Eighteen congressional staffers attended the meeting.
11/21/02		4 Corners Briefing			NCPO/OCLA	CARES Planning Initiatives Hill briefing for HVAC, SVAC, HAC, SAC. Major issues: concern that enrollment projections for CARES is different to which VA has previously testified. Long Term Care: HVAC strongly advised that CARES use as a baseline the 1998 Millennium Bill numbers as a guideline vice the 2001 data currently used by CARES. The potential of enhance use opportunities, and the degree of cooperation voiced by DoD in cooperative agreements. The Nursing Home PIs, noting that if VA was not confident with the data used in this area, how can VA be sure of any data used in CARES modeling.
11/27/02		4 Corners notification				Detailed Comparison of VetPop2001 and Census 2000 released to HVAC, SVAC, HAC, and SAC. HVAC requested additional information on the data and OCLA has requested information from Chief Actuary.
01/10/03		4 Corners notification			OCLA	Contacted HVAC/ SVAC/HAC/SAC with notification of modified CARES timeline.
02/00/03	Rep	Andrews	D	NJ-1	Philly VAMC	Woody Anglade - Chief of Staff, Staffer Amy Zimmerman - Staff for Congressman Robert Andrews--CBOC issues ref: moratorium exists for new CBOC proposals, and awaiting CARES for decision of Gloucester County future. Explained briefly CARES timeline for approved. Agreed to share once public the Eastern VISN Planning Initiatives which preliminarily recommend formalization of Gloucester CBOC. Agreed to continue to share CARES data (already on CARES Constituent Listings) and provide subtenant updates.
02/00/03	Rep	Andrews	D	NJ-1	Philly VAMC	Inquiry into expansion of Gloucester County NJ treatment Site and concern over waiting times, staffing and expansion options. Unofficial CBOC. Explained that moratorium exists for new CBOC proposals, and awaiting CARES for decision of Gloucester County future. Suggested telephone conference to discuss the detail.
01/23/03	Rep	Bass	R	NH-2	VAMC	Manchester VAMC Director met with Rep. Bass and his NH Veterans' Task Force. The Director briefed the group on the current status of the CARES process.
04/07/03	Rep	Beauprez	R	CO-7	Deputy	
04/30/03	Rep	Berkley	D	NV-1	OCLA	delivery of Market Plans to staffer Christine Lamble

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03/13/03	Rep	Berkley	D	NV-1	VISN 21/22	staffer
03/13/03	Rep	Berkley	D	NV-1	VISN 21/Wiebe	briefed delegation on CARES with attendance including approximately 25 staff. The CARES portion of the briefing was followed with a discussion on the Las Vegas relocation plan with the staff from Nevada. Mr. Clark also met with Reps Berkley and Porter separately on this issue. One of the areas of interest in VISN 22 is the issue of excess land at Greater LA. The Network is currently working on a process to address excess land that will include stakeholder input.
03/13/03	Rep	Berman	D	CA-28	VISN 21/22	Clara Evans
03/24/03	Sen	Biden	D	DE	VISN 4	Wilmington VAMC Small Facility PI concern
02/3-7/03	Sen	Biden	D	DE	VISN 4	Staffers from Senator Biden's office contacted the Wilmington VAM&ROC with some concerns about the CARES process and outcomes, specifically Wilmington's status as a "small facility." They made it clear that the Senator does not want any changes in Wilmington's mission. The Senator is requesting written explanations about the CARES process and reassurances that Wilmington's mission will not be changed.
12/16/02		Big 8 notification			OCLA	CD-ROM prepared by NCPO of Planning Initiatives delivered to Big 8.
11/08/02		Big 8 Notification			OCLA	CARES data book delivered to Big 8.
02/00/03	Rep	Bishop, Sanford	D	GA-2	Dublin VAMC	Mary Ferguson, Manager, Congressman Sanford Bishop's Albany office-- Requested further explanation of Small Facility PI; worried about impact on Dublin VA and Albany CBOC
03/27-28/03	Rep	Blumenauer	D	OR-3	VISN 20	staff
12/11/02	Rep	Bradley (HVAC)	R	NH-1	VAMC	Rep. Bradley (HVAC) visited the Manchester VAMC. VA officials there told him how CARES would address access to acute care.
03/07/03	Rep	Brown (HVAC)	R	SC-1	Offered by OCLA	Contact by OCLA to offer briefing opportunity.
12/04/02	Rep	Brown, Sherrod	D	OH-13	OCLA/Phone	contacted OCLA for a list of the CARES contacts in each VISN
04/10/03	Rep	Brown-Waite	R	FL-5	VISN 8	CARES and concern about access to care for veterans in CD.

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06/27/02	Rep	Buyer	R	IN-04	NCPO	Phase II
03/05/03	Rep	Buyer (HVAC)	R	IN-4	NCPO / OCLA	Chairman of the HVAC Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, received a briefing on CARES data and how VA validates both the CARES model and the data used in that model. Mr. Buyer reiterated his support for the decisions the SECVA has made on enrollment and, in the end, expressed confidence in the data that VA is using to establish priorities and needs for category 1-6 veterans.
03/28/03	Rep	Cantor	R	VA-7	VISN 6	At the Richmond VAMC
03/27-28/03	Sen	Cantwell	D	WA	VISN 20	staffer
03/13/03	Rep	Capps	D	CA-23	VISN 21/22	Jeff Gordon, staff
12/05/02	Rep	Carson	D	IN-7	VISN 11	Letters of invitation sent all (46) Indiana Senate/Cong offices.
02/00/03	Rep	Case	D	HI-2	Honolulu VAMC	Asking for information on the Cares Process.
01/22/03	Sen	Chafee	R	RI	VAMC	Providence VAMC Director met with staff representatives from the Rhode Island congressional delegation for an informal conference. Discussions included CARES.
03/10/03	Rep	Chocola	R	IN-2	VISN 11	CARES mtg in Marion
01/22/03	Sen	Clinton	D	NY	Local	briefing for a staff member of Sen. Clinton was held in Wappingers Falls. Approx. 45 veterans attended from the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League and VVA attended. The briefing was on possible closing of Castle Point VAMC. Veterans delivered signed petitions against the closure of the Castle Point campus to the office of the Director.
04/15/03	Sen	Cochran, Thad	R	MS	OCLA	CARES Construction budget for Jackson VAMC
01/30/03	Sen	Coleman	R	MN	VISN 23	staffer in DC
04/10/03	Sen	Conrad	D	ND	VISN 23	VISN 23 CARES briefing for CD.
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01/24/03	Rep	Cooper	D	TN-5	VISN 9	Member & Staff present
03/27-28/03	Sen	Craig	R	ID	VISN 20	Staffer
03/27-28/03	Sen	Crapo	R	ID	VISN 20	Staffer
03/30/03	Sen	Daschle	D	SD	VSIN 23	staffer in DC
01/30/03	Sen	Dayton	D	MN	VISN 23	staffer in DC
03/27-28/03	Rep	DeFazio	D	OR-4	VISN 20	staffer
03/24/03	Rep	Delahunt	D	MA-10	VISN 1/Post	staff
03/12/03	Sen	DeWine	R	OH	VISN 10	Network MAC meeting
01/30/03	Sen	Dorgan	D	ND	VISN 23	staffer In DC
02/00/03	Rep	Duncan	R	TN-2	Mt. Home VAMC	Rep. Duncan requested a briefing on CARES and specifically the Eastern Market. He was very pleased to see the planning Mountain Home had done to include the Knoxville area. He was supportive of possible change of leadership from Nashville Medical Center to Mountain Home because he felt most of his constituents get their care at Mountain Home.
03/10/03	Sen	Durbin	D	IL	VISN 11	VA Illiana HCS
04/30/03	Rep	Emerson	R	MO-8	NCPO/OCLA	Review of Market Plans for Poplar Bluff
03/13/03	Sen	Ensign	R	NV	VISN 21/22	Aaron Cohen, staffer
02/26/03	Rep	Evans (HVAC)	D	IL-17	USH	Briefing for Rep. Evans and other IL delegation Members on VHA's implementation of recommendations from Phase 1 of CARES re: VISN 12. Dr. Roswell was VHA lead.
01/07/03	Rep	Everett	R	AL-2	SecVA/OCLA	Rep. Everett's office called to get more information on CARES. From this contact, an invitation to the Secretary to visit with the member was made.

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03/13/03	Rep	Faleomavaega	D	AS	VISN 21/22	Leiani Judy, staff
03/13/03	Sen	Feinstein	D	CA	VISN 21/22	Greg Brown
03/13/03	Rep	Filner	D	CA-51	VISN 21/22	Sharon Schultz, staff
12/03/02	Sen	Fitzgerald	R	IL	VISN 11	Letters of invitation were sent to all (27) Illinois Senate/cong offices.
01/26-31/03	Rep	Fletcher	R	KY-6	VISN 9	
04/14/03	Rep	Frelinghuysen	R	NJ-11	SecVA	Town Hall meeting
03/13/03	Rep	Gibbons	R	NV-2	VISN 21/22	Daniel Waters, staffer
04/25/03	Rep	Gillmor	R	OH-5	VISN 10	Market Plans
03/28/03	Rep	Goode	R	VA-5	VISN 6	At the Richmond VAMC
01/24/03	Rep	Gordon	D	TN-6	VISN 9	
01/30/03	Sen	Grassley	R	IA	VISN 23	staffer in DC
03/24/03	Sen	Gregg	R	NH	VISN 1/Post	staff
06/05/02		H/SVAC			NCPO	Phase II roll out
04/10/03	Sen	Harkin	D	IA	VISN 23	VISN 23 CARES briefing for CD.
01/30/03	Sen	Harkin	D	IA	VISN 23	staffer in DC
12/09/02	Rep	Hastert	R	Speaker	NCPO/OCLA	Jay Halpern, NCPO, briefed Kevin Fromer, Assistant to the Speaker on Step 3 of the CARES program, the Planning Initiatives. This briefing was the first information he had received on the program and provided a necessary overview of the program's goals and objectives.

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02/00/03	Rep	Herger	R	CA-2	No Calif HCS	VA notes that the demand for primary care in the Redding catchment area is expected to grow by less than 5% over the next decade. Inasmuch as the demand for primary care in the Redding catchment area has skyrocketed by 50% in the past 3 years, I am concerned that the VA's current projection is based on a seriously flawed assessment. I would appreciate a full explanation of the model used to arrive at the conclusion that patient visits in the Redding area will grow by less than 5% by 2012
10/26/02		Hill Briefing			NCPO	Attended daylong briefing on CARES for VSOs and Congressional staff
11/22/02		Hill offices			OCLA	CARES Planning Initiatives media products released to the Hill and to the media. The Hill package included a cover letter from Assistant Secretary Mansfield.
03/25/03	Rep	Hinojosa	D	TX-15	SecVA	SecVA Principi meet Rep. Hinojosa in Washington to participate in a virtual town hall meeting via video-teleconference, with 12 veterans in the McAllen, TX. The Secretary addressed the CARES process.
04/25/03	Rep	Hobson	R	OH-7	VISN 10	Market Plans
03/27/03	Rep	Hobson	R	OH-7	VISN 10/Parkis	Rep. Hobson offered some options that he felt would be beneficial to the Central Market, several of which were already in the planning phase. The Rep. expressed his support for both market plans.
04/25/03		HVAC	Maj/Min		VISN 10	Market Plans
02/13/03		HVAC	Maj / Min		NCPO	Briefed the HVAC summarizing the changes in Planning Initiatives (PIs) based upon updated Enrollment Projections due to policy decisions and adjustments for Census 2000. The briefing examined the impacts of Policy and Census 2000 Adjustments on CARES enrollment projections, and utilization projections.
01/24/03		HVAC/Maj			NCPO	VetPop2001 // Census 2000 briefing for the HVAC Majority. Drs. Meskin and Berkowitz present a presentation on the Veteran Population Projections Adjusted to Census 2000 & Implications for CARES.
01/28/03		HVAC/Maj (Dunn)			OCLA	Responded to HVAC Subcommittee on Healtha request for information regarding the current number of total beds and current number of acute care beds for the 19 sites identified by CARES as having Small Facility Planning Initiatives.
01/30/03		HVAC/Min			VISN 23	S. Edgerton
03/27-28/03	Rep	Inslee	D	WA-1	VISN 20	staffer

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01/07/01	Sen	Jeffords	I	VT	VAMC	Two staff members of Sen. Jeffords staff visited the VAM&ROC White River Junction on how this facility will be affected by CARES or if there are any problem issues with CARES in Vermont.
04/10/03	Sen	Johnson	D	SC	VISN 23	VISN 23 CARES briefing for CD.
04/08/03	Sen	Johnson	D	SD	VISN 23	Part of Townhall meeting at Sioux Falls VAM&ROC
01/30/03	Sen	Johnson	D	SD	VISN 23	staffer in DC
04/14/03	Rep	Kanjorski	D	PA-11	VAMC	At request of Rep Kanjorski, a meeting was held at the VAMC. The Rep. issued a press release announcing the meeting. Approximately 40 veterans attended along with a number of media (WNEP-TV, WILK-Radio, The Times Leader and the Citizens' Voice). The following topics were discussed: CARES, pharmacy co-payments, and Priority 8. Veterans encouraged the Rep to invite the other five Reps. and two Senators who represent the nineteen counties served by the Wilkes-Barre VAMC to another meeting in August. Articles about the Rep's visit and CARES appeared in the Times Leader and the Citizens' Voice and aired on WILK Radio.
12/13/02	Rep	Kelly, Sue	R	NY-19	VISN 3	Dir. Michael Sabo, Director VA Hudson Valley HC System, meet with Rep. Kelly and the following CARES issues were discussed: Planning initiatives for possible program / mission changes were discussed for both the Montrose and Castle Point campuses. She wanted to know why we were doing this planning and stated, "Are you planning to close our hospitals down?"
03/06/03	Rep	Kelly, Sue	R	NY-19	SecVA / OCLA	SECVA Principi and AS Mansfield met with Rep. Kelly on various issues including CARES. OCLA has followed up contact with her office offering our assistance.
01/22/03	Rep	Kennedy	D	RI-1	VAMC	Providence VAMC Director met with staff representatives from the Rhode Island congressional delegation for an informal conference. Discussions included CARES.
04/01/03	Rep	King	R	NY-3	VISN 3	CARES representatives from the Northport VAMC and NY Harbor HCS met with Nassau County veterans and representatives from LI Reps. King and McCarthy's office about local CARES market plans
01/22/03	Rep	Langevin	D	RI-2	VAMC	Providence VAMC Director met with staff representatives from the Rhode Island congressional delegation for an informal conference. Discussions included CARES.
12/17/02	Sen	Levin	D	MI	VISN 11	Letters of invitation (52) sent to all Michigan Senate/Cong. Offices.

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04/14/03	Rep	LoBiondo	R	NJ-2	VISN 4	To staffer JenniferShirley information reflecting southern New Jersey veterans' use of our VAMCs Also given info about CARES and the review process to objectively examine the projected health care demand of veterans (in South Jersey and elsewhere in the Eastern Market of our VISN) over the next 10 to 20 years and compares that with our Eastern Market's ability to meet that demand. This review has shown that the overall access to VA health care for veterans in the Eastern Market area (including those living in southern New Jersey) exceeds the required CARES standards for both inpatient and outpatient care. It also indicates that the anticipated inpatient demand for health care by veterans in southern New Jersey falls well below the required CARES parameters for establishing a new inpatient facility; i.e., that no such hospital proposals will be considered unless they can support the need for at least 100 beds.
01/26-31/03	Rep	Lucas	D	KY-4	VISN 9	
03/10/03	Sen	Lugar	R	IN	VISN 11	CARES mtg in Marion
02/00/03	Rep	Marshall, J	D	GA-3	Dublin VAMC	Peggy Greenway, Rep Marshall's Macon office manager, requested additional info on PI for Dublin and further explanation
04/01/03	Rep	McCarthy	D	NY-4	VISN 3	CARES representatives from the Northport VAMC and NY Harbor HCS met with Nassau County veterans and representatives from LIReps. King and McCarthy's office about local CARES market plans
01/26-31/03	Sen	McConnell	R	KY	VISN 9	
03/27-28/03	Rep	McDermott	D	WA-7	VISN 20	staffer
01/21/03	Rep	McInnis	R	CO-3	OCLA/Phone	contacted OCLA regarding a rumor of possible closings of VA facilities through CARES process.
03/19/03	Rep	Meeks, G	D	NY-6	SecVA	Member requested briefing from SECVA on CARES. Requests stems from a meeting between VA NY Harbor HCS Director and Rep. Meeks along with members of the Addisleigh Park Civic Association on March 7 who expressed displeasure with any CARES consideration involving demolishing the St. Albans Primary and Extended Care Center. They believe that the building has historical significance to the community and would like to seek a local healthcare organization to occupy and provide healthcare to the non-veterans in the community.
03/07/03	Rep	Meeks, G	D	NY-6	VISN 3	The VA NY Harbor HCS Director met with Rep. Meeks and members of the Addisleigh Park Civic Association 7 who expressed displeasure with any CARES consideration involving demolishing the St. Albans Primary and Extended Care Center. They believe the building has historical significance

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03/13/03	Rep	Miller	D	CA-7	VISN 21/22	Steve Moody, staffer
11/18/02	Rep	Mollohan (HAC)	D	WV-1	OCLA/Phone	Info for Clarksburg on the CARES process. Angela Ohm of his staff was invited to a briefing held for HVAC/SVAC staff. Has been contacted by OCLA staff.
03/24/03	Rep	Mollohan (HAC)	D	WV-1	VISN 4	Staff
02/00/03	Sen	Murkowski	R	AK	Alaska HCS	Nicholas Abramczyk, Leg Aide for Sen. Murkowski Inquiring where our proposed Consturction project fits into the CARES process
03/27-28/03	Sen	Murray	D	WA	VISN 20	staffer
03/13/03	Rep	Napolitano	D	CA-38	VISN 21/22	Saul Japson, staff
04/10/03	Sen	Nelson	D	NE	VISN 23	VISN 23 CARES briefing for CD.
03/27-28/03	Rep	Nethercutt	R	WA-5	VISN 20	staffer
01/30/03	Rep	Nussle	R	IA-1		
04/14/03	Rep	Oberstar	DFL	MN-8	St. Clous VAMC	VISN 23 - St. Cloud VAMC - Rep. Oberstar visited the Brainerd CBOC. He met with veteran constituents and key VAMC and CBOC staff. He expressed an interest in ... CARES process.
01/30/03	Rep	Oberstar	DFL	MN-8	VISN 23	staffer in DC
04/10/03	Rep	Osborne	R	NE-3	VISN 23	VISN 23 CARES briefing for CD.
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04/10/03	Rep	Peterson, C	DFL	MN-17	VISN 23	VISN 23 CARES briefing for CD.
03/24/03	Rep	Platts	R	PA-19	VISN 4	staff
01/30/03	Rep	Pomeroy	D	ND-@ lрге	VISN 23	staffer in DC

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03/13/03	Rep	Porter	R	NV-3	VISN 21/22	Stephen Martinko, staff
03/13/03	Rep	Porter	R	NV-3	VISN 21/Wiebe	briefed delegation on CARES with attendance including approximately 25 staff. The CARES portion of the briefing was followed with a discussion on the Las Vegas relocation plan with the staff from Nevada. Mr. Clark also met with Reps Berkley and Porter separately on this issue. One of the areas of interest in VISN 22 is the issue of excess land at Greater LA. The Network is currently working on a process to address excess land that will include stakeholder input.
04/25/03	Rep	Pryce	R	OH-15	VISN 10	Market Plans 2 staffers attended
03/12/03	Rep	Pryce	R	OH-15	VISN 10	Network MAC Meeting
03/13/03	Rep	Radanovich	R	CA-19	VISN 21/22	Rebecca Rahe, staffer
03/24/03	Sen	Reed	D	RI	VISN 1/Post	staff
01/22/03	Sen	Reed	D	RI	VAMC	Providence VAMC Director met with staff reps from the RI congressional delegation for an informal conference. Discussions included CARES.
03/13/03	Sen	Reid	D	NV	VISN 21/22	Alex Dixon, staffer
04/16/03	Rep	Renzi	R	AZ-1	VISN 18	VISN 18 – Rep Renzi visited Prescott. The Network Director was in attendance. The Rep was briefed on the facility and CARES. He holds the belief that the Prescott is on a list for closure. The Small Facility Planning Initiative process in CARES was explained to him and his staff at length. The Rep talked about his desire to have a hearing at Prescott with Chris Smith and Secretary Principi in attendance to discuss closure.
03/27/03	Rep	Renzi	R	AZ-1	NCPO/OCLA	Following the Feb 28 meeting the Deputy Sec. and AS Mansfield regarding CARES and the Prescott VAMC in his district is among the 19 facilities on the Small Facility Planning Initiative list compiled by NCPO.
02/00/03	Sen	Rockefeller	D	WV	VISN 6	Charlotte Moreland, Leg Ass't, wanted updated info on CARES for meeting with VSO's, particularly about Beckley, Richmond, Salem, and any discussion between VISN 6 and VISN 9.
03/24/03	Sen	Rockefeller (SVAC)	D	WV	VISN 4	Beckley concerns
01/24/03	Sen	Rockefeller (SVAC)	D	WV	NCPO/OCLA	impact on WV

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01/23/03	Rep	Rogers	R	AL-3	phone	sought VISN 7 info
03/13/03	Rep	Roybal-Allard	D	CA-34	VISN 21/22	Victor Castillo, staffer
01/29/03	Rep	Ruppensberger	D	MD-2	OCLA	briefed staff on CARES
04/25/03	Rep	Ryan	D	OH-17	VISN 10	Market Plans
03/13/03	Rep	Sanchez, Lor	D	CA-47	VISN 21/22	Chris Beck, Staff
11/27/02	Sen	Santorum	R	PA	VAMC	Wilkes-Barre held a Leadership meeting Monday afternoon with approx. 20 - 25 hospital leaders and a Town Meeting for external stakeholders. The coverage was very positive, emphasizing what CARES was about and that the VA is positioning itself to meet the future needs of veterans.
03/28/03	Rep	Scott	D	VA-3	VISN 6	At the Richmond VAMC
02/05/03	Rep	Serrano	D	NY-16	VISN 3	The Bronx VAMC was contacted by VACO regarding an inquiry from Rep. Serrano's office. Member's District Director was provided a CARES briefing.
01/17/03	Rep	Sessions	T	TX-32	OCLA/Phone	more info on Dallas area facilities and CARES
03/24/03	Rep	Shays	R	CT-4	VISN 1/Post	staff
12/03/02	Rep	Shimkus	R	IL-19	VISN 11	Letters of invitation were sent to all (27) Illinois Senate/cong offices.
03/05/03	Rep	Simmons (HVAC)	R	CT-2	NCPO / OCLA	Chairman of the HVAC Subcommittee on Health, requested a broad hearing on CARES to assist him in his new assignment as Subcommittee Chairman. Mr. Simmons did open the meeting by equating CARES with DoD's BRAC process. He expressed concerns that CARES was perhaps a cost-cutting program, and less interested in delivery of quality of care. Mr. Simmons counseled a full-scale education effort of his committee colleagues on the CARES program and issues.
03/27-28/03	Rep	Smith, A	D	WA-9	VISN 20	staff
02/00/03	Sen	Specter	R	PA	Wilkes-Barre VAMC	Staff Representative from Sen Specter's Scranton Office was given a status of the CARES process.

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04/25/03	Rep	Strickland	D	OH-6	VISN 10	Market Plans
08/01/02		SVAC	Maj/Min		NCPO	Kim Lipsky & Bill Cahill on CARES Planning
02/20/03		SVAC	Maj / Min		NCPO	Briefed the SVAC summarizing the changes in Planning Initiatives (PIs) based upon updated Enrollment Projections due to policy decisions and adjustments for Census 2000. The briefing examined the impacts of Policy and Census 2000 Adjustments on CARES enrollment projections, and utilization projections.
03/27/03	Sen	Talent	R	MO	VISN 15	Acting Director of the Poplar Bluff VAMC, Chief of Staff and AA/COS met with the District Director for Mo. Sen Talent: overview of CARES was provided.
03/13/03	Rep	Tauscher	D	CA-10	VISN 21/22	Ilka Couto Regino, staffer
01/29/03	Rep	Taylor	R	NC-11	VISN 6	Rep. Taylor's Veterans Advisory Group met at the Asheville VAMC to discuss the revised CARES timeline.
01/30/03	Rep	Terry	R	NE-2	VISN 23	staffer in DC
04/25/03	Rep	Tiberi	R	OH-12	VISN 10	Market Plans
03/12/03	Rep	Tiberi	R	OH-12	VISN 10	Network MAC Meeting
03/12/03	Rep	Turner, M	R	OH-3	VISN 10	Network MAC meeting
04/25/03	Sen	Voinovich	R	OH	VISN 10	Market Plans
03/12/03	Sen	Voinovich	R	OH	VISN 10	Network MAC meeting
03/27-28/03	Rep	Walsen	R	OR-2	VISN 20	Staffer
01/13/03	Rep	Walsh	R	HAC	NCPO/OCLA	briefing on the CARES program to Ms. Baron of the House Appropriations Committee.
03/13/03	Rep	Waxman	D	CA-30	VISN 21/22	Zahava Golden, staffer

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