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## **Advocates and Experts Will Discuss Issues Associated with SEA 493 and the Re-Balancing of Indiana's Long Term Health Care System**

***Education Seminar for Editors, News Directors, and Reporters set for December 17th***

When Senate Enrolled Act 493 was signed into law on May 18, 2003 by the late Governor Frank O'Bannon, advocates and Hoosiers in need of expanded home and community based services understood that although a solid foundation had been laid to build a balanced long term health care system for Indiana, much work would need to be done to realize the sweeping provisions contained within this new law.

Seven months have passed since SEA 493 was enacted. **Advocates and leading experts in the field of long term health care will convene Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at The Generations Project office (One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 1275, Indianapolis). The session has been planned to brief members of the print and electronic media about topics relative to long term health care in Indiana.**

There is no charge for this event. Breakfast will be made available to those in attendance beginning at 7:30 a.m. Topics to be covered include:

- What is SEA 493 and how do provisions contained within this landmark legislation work to re-balance Indiana's system of long term health care?
- Seven months after the signing of SEA 493 into state law, what progress has been made in implementing the mandates of this new law?
- What are the consequences to those in need of care, caregivers, business, and the Indiana state budget of maintaining the status quo relative to long term health care given an aging population and expanding Medicaid budget?
- How do advocates address the relative inaction of the state administration relative to the implementation of SEA 493 and arguments by the state that a full and timely implementation is fiscally unrealistic?
- What steps will advocacy organizations take in the future to ensure a full and timely implementation of SEA 493?

*In answering the above questions, presenters will discuss with members of the media administrative and fiscal issues, communications strategies, long term care as a political issue, avenues of legal recourse, and new legislation for the 2004 Indiana General Assembly.*

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