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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

NATL HEALTH POLICY GROUP

2. Address:
801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 245, Washington, DC 20004

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: VALERIE WILBUR
Telephone: 2026241508
E-mail (optional): vswilbur@nhpg.org

Senate ID #: 290252-36
House ID #:

7. Client Name: ☐ Self

NATL ALLIANCE OF SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE PLANS - SNP ALLIANCE

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): ☐ **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31): ☒

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

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: ☐ => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $10,000: ☐

$10,000 or more: ☒ => Income (nearest $20,000): 140,000.00

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).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than $10,000: ☐

$10,000 or more: ☐ => Expenses (nearest $20,000):

14. Reporting Method.
Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

1. Worked primarily with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to clarify rules related to Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) that were authorized under Sec. 231 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. 2.Encouraged CMS to ensure equitable payment for SNPs in relation to fee-for-service by continuing to apply some type of frailty adjusted payment factor to the HCC risk adjustment methodology as well as other refines to the HCC risk adjuster that would enhance the accuracy of payment for high risk beneficiaries. 3. Encouraged CMS to enact polities that would allow SNPs serving dually eligible beneficiaries to integrate administrative functions, financing and care delivery structures; .e.g, allow plans to integrate marketing, enrollment, appeals and quality reporting functions to create a uniform administrative structure for plans and simplified access and paperwork for beneficiaries. 4. Submitted Comments to CMS on a polity to allow SNPs to specialized in serving a subset of the Medicare population such as frail elderly or adults with disabilities so that demonstrations could transition to SNPs with the same program focus as under demonstration and new SNPs could also targeted services toward specific subsets of the Medicare population. 5. Encouraged CMS to continue working toward the development of new performance measures for SNPs that focus on plan performance in relation to the type of interventions needed by people ;with severe and disabling chronic conditions. 6.Submitted Comments on the 2008 MA-SNP Application form and requested that CMS develop a form for plans serving the dually eligible that would enable them to submit integrated applications, benefit packages and bids. 7. Sent recommendations to CMS regarding SNP surveys for the Report to Congress on SNPs due 12/31/07. 8. Encourages CMS to allow greater flexibility on the treatment6 of supplemental benefits in the development of bids for SNPs. 9, Met with Congressional staff from various House and Senate offices to encourage them to promote equitable payment for SNPs, integration of Medicare and Medicaid programs for SNPs serving duals and appropriate performance measures for SNPs. Did not work with Congressional offices on specific legislation. NHPG conducted on Medicare and Medicaid policy as follows:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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

Name: BRINGEWATT, RICHARD
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WILBUR, VALERIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.**None**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Mar 19, 2007

Printed Name and Title: VALERIE S. WILBUR, VICE PRESIDENT -

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Mar 19, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -