

for veterans health care services over the next 20 years.

This is the initial meeting of the Commission. On February 19, the agenda topics for this meeting will include background briefings on the CARES and an overview of the nine-step CARES process. On February 20, the Commission will discuss operating rules, future meeting topics and schedules, subcommittee assignments,

and hearings. Also, the Commission members will receive an ethics briefing.

Interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Commission. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Department of Veterans Affairs, CARES Commission, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing

additional information should contact Mr. Richard E. Larson at (202) 273-4800.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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