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****Phil Gramm to speak at Medical Economics Seminar**

DALLAS--Congressman Phil Gramm will be major speaker at the fifth annual Seminar on Health Economics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas March 3.

The seminar is designed to acquaint senior medical students and other interested health students and professionals with some of the economic concerns in this area. Sponsors are Dr. William Ross, chairman of the Division of Family Practice, and Dr. Kern Wildenthal, dean of UT Southwestern Medical School.

Gramm will give the opening address on "Legislative Perspectives of Health Economics" at 8:40 a.m. in Room D1.600. Following the congressman will be Dr. Ron Anderson, chief executive officer at Parkland, at 9:20 a.m. on "The Impact of State and Federal Legislation on Public Teaching Hospitals." John Gavras, president of the Dallas/Fort Worth Hospital Council, will speak at 11 a.m. on "The Hospital Approach to Health Care Costs." Dr. Donald Winston, Houston surgeon, will give the 11:30 a.m. address on "The House Staff Approach to Health Care Costs."

The noon address on "The Politics of Medicine" will be given by Dr. John Goodman, associate professor with the Center for Health Policy Studies at The University of Dallas.

Dallas attorney Carol Laakso will open the afternoon session at 1 p.m. with "The Impact of Medico-Legal Costs on the Health Care System." A panel at 1:45 p.m. will discuss "Where Does the Money Come From?" Participants will include Ben McHenry, vice president for Provider Affairs, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas; Dr. Fred Lucas, medical director, National Heritage Insurance, and Max Brown, vice president, Kaiser Foundation of Texas.

Attending students will also work on patient management problems.

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