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**DOLE NAMES CLAY EDMANDS OF SALINA
TO KEY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY PANEL**

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today announced that Clay D. Edmands of Salina has been appointed to the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (ProPAC), a federal advisory board on the prospective payment system of Medicare. Edmands, the President of Asbury-Salina Medical Center in Salina, was recommended to the 17-member panel by Senator Dole.

"I'm pleased that Clay has agreed to serve on this important panel, which advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services on issues related to hospital reimbursement," Dole said. "Clay's outstanding record as a hospital administrator and his commonsense heartland values will be a real asset to ProPAC. Most importantly, Clay knows the challenges facing rural health care, and he'll be an important voice for health care providers - and consumers -- in American's small towns," Dole added.

ProPAC was established to help the Secretary of HHS understand the dynamic nature of America's health care system, and ensure that reimbursements to hospitals are fair and equitable. ProPAC helps the Department of HHS keep Medicare's prospective payment system current with trends and changes in treatment and medical technology.

Edmands is a graduate of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, and Minneapolis High School in Minneapolis, Kansas. Edmands received a Master of Hospital Administration degree from the University of Minnesota.

During his three-year term on ProPAC, Edmands will continue his position at Asbury-Salina Medical Center, a 212-bed acute care hospital. Last year, Asbury-Salina was selected by the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration to take part in its Essential Access Community Hospital (EACH) program designed to improve the delivery of health care in rural America.

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