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**Industry Coalition Praises Scully's Action to Stop Medicare Abuse,  
Pledges to Assist in Nationwide Prevention Effort**

WASHINGTON -- Actions taken by Tom Scully, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to stop Medicare fraud in the Houston area have been praised by the Power Mobility Coalition (PMC), a national alliance of manufacturers and suppliers of power wheelchairs and scooters. "Our membership is uniformly supportive of the measures that need to be taken to detect and prevent fraud in the Medicare system not only in Houston, but nationwide," said Tim Zipp, PMC President. "We will continue to work with CMS to protect Medicare beneficiaries and the vitally important services the system provides to those with mobility needs." Zipp said that since early this year PMC members have been documenting and forwarding information to CMS highlighting concerns about customer complaints and potential fraud in the Houston area.

The PMC member organizations have committed to a firm set of by-laws that parallel the industry's quality control standards. Since its inception, the PMC has taken a hard stance and will not tolerate Medicare fraud, Zipp pointed out. "The Coalition is dedicated to improving the quality of our industry through the effective use of stringent standards, state licensure, corporate accreditation and consistent enforcement of regulations," he said. "We will continue to promote efforts to ensure that consumers can be confident that they are receiving what they were promised by legitimate providers operating in compliance with Medicare guidelines."

PMC members serve Medicare beneficiaries in all regions of the country. The organization is an advocate for those who require specialized durable medical equipment to regain mobility in their lives. Working with the federal government and medical community, PMC provides a voice for beneficiaries, suppliers and manufacturers.

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