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Dr. Gail Wilensky, Board of Regents Member

Dr. Gail Wilensky is an economist and a senior fellow at Project HOPE, an international health education foundation. She is also a commissioner on the World Health Organization Commission on the Social Determinants of Health; co-chair of the recently completed Department of Defense Taskforce on the Future of Military Health Care; vice chair of the Maryland Health Care Commission; and serves as a trustee of the Combined Benefits Fund of the United Mineworkers of America and the National Opinion Research Center. She has recently been appointed to the Defense Health Board, advising the Department of Defense on health matters.

Additionally, Dr. Wilensky is a frequent expert witness before congressional committees, acts as an advisor to members of Congress and other elected officials, and speaks nationally and internationally before professional, business and consumer groups.

From 2001 until 2003, Dr. Wilensky was co-chair of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, which addressed health care for both veterans and military retirees.

She chaired the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, which advises Congress on payment and other issues relating to Medicare, from 1997 until 2001.

Dr. Wilensky chaired the Physician Payment Review Commission from 1995 to 1997. She also served as deputy assistant for policy development to President George H.W. Bush, advising him on health and welfare issues. Prior to assuming this position, she served as

administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, overseeing the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Dr. Wilensky is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine. She also serves as a director of the American Heart Association, and is on the Advisory Board of the National Institute of Health Care Management. Furthermore, Dr. Wilensky is an advisor to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Commonwealth Fund, the immediate past chair of the Board of Directors of Academy Health, and a director on several corporate boards.

Dr. Wilensky is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards and has published approximately 100 articles.

She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.