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**THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELEASES  
DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S PLAN**

*- Alzheimer's Association Statement -*

**Washington, DC (January 9, 2012)** – The Alzheimer's Association believes the "Draft Framework for the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease" released today by the Department of Health and Human Services offers a comprehensive outline of goals and strategies that must be addressed in the nation's first ever strategic plan for Alzheimer's. This initial framework of themes is a significant marker in this process and highlights many solutions to the challenges raised by Americans from across the country in the Alzheimer's Association report, "Alzheimer's from the Frontlines," and identified by Congress in the passing of the National Alzheimer's Project Act. We expect a detailed plan that includes a timeline, implementation steps and the appropriate commitment necessary to bring the objectives outlined in the framework to fruition.

The Alzheimer's Association is committed to working with Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to achieve what she called, "an aggressive and coordinated national strategy" on Alzheimer's implemented "swiftly and effectively" and that the Administration's commitment to addressing this escalating Alzheimer's crisis is honored. On behalf of the more than 5 million individuals living with Alzheimer's and their 15 million caregivers, the Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to ensuring a National Alzheimer's plan that is urgent, transformational, achievable and accountable – anything short is unacceptable.

The Association looks forward to next week's Advisory Council meeting to discuss this framework and the Council's recommendations on what must be included in the national plan in detail.

**About the Alzheimer's Association:**

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

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