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## **NATIONAL ETHICS NEWS**

### **New Web-based Ethics Course**

The National Center for Ethics and the Employee Education System are pleased to introduce Ethics in Managed Care, a Web-based interactive learning program for health care professionals. Continuing education credits will be granted to qualified VHA staff who complete all of the program's requirements. Staff with VA Intranet access can take this course at:

[vawww.va.gov/vhaethics/managed\\_care/splash.cfm](http://vawww.va.gov/vhaethics/managed_care/splash.cfm).

### **New Hampshire Public Radio Interview**

Paul Reitemeier, PhD, a health care ethicist on the staff of the National Center for Ethics, was interviewed about the Center and VHA ethics for a daily New Hampshire Public Radio program called The Front Porch. Dr. Reitemeier's segment, entitled "Medical Ethics in the VA System," aired on December 19, 2001. To hear the interview, go to

[http://www.nhpr.org/content/fullmonty\\_view.php/2272/](http://www.nhpr.org/content/fullmonty_view.php/2272/).

### **Creation of the President's Council on Bioethics**

On November 28, 2001, President Bush created the President's Council on Bioethics to study the ethical and social ramifications of new developments in biomedical science and technology, and to advise the President on bioethical issues. The Council is chaired by Dr. Leon Kass of the University of Chicago, with members to be appointed by the President. For more information please see: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/11/20011128-13.html>.