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Gephardt in Iowa Friday for policy announcement, IPTV program

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Former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt is coming back to Iowa Friday to make a policy announcement about medical research, event planners said.

Gephardt plans to hold an 11:30 a.m. press conference at the Pappajohn Higher Education Center in Des Moines, as part of the longtime former Missouri congressman's role with the Council for American Medical Innovation.

Iowa Public Television also announced today that Gephardt will be the guest on Iowa Press Friday, returning to the state on which he pinned two bids for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Gephardt is scheduled to tape the program Friday to be aired that night at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Iowans have seen very little of Gephardt in the past five years, despite his onetime longterm relationship with the state going back to his bid for the 1988 Iowa caucuses.

He won the '88 caucuses after moving his family to West Des Moines for the long campaign. Sixteen years later, Gephardt waged an aggressive campaign for the 2004 Iowa caucuses, but finished a disappointing fourth place and quit the race before the New Hampshire primary, having promised to win the caucuses a second time.

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