

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Moving forward on health care reform, Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles) will discuss the latest on negotiations with Governor Schwarzenegger on the health care bill considered in this year's special session. Assembly Bill 1X recently passed the Assembly Health Committee by an 11-4 vote. This bill will make California the national leader in health care reform.

Prior to this media availability, Speaker Núñez will receive a briefing on the current status of Los Angeles County DHS, challenges facing public hospitals, status of and plans for the transition to the new LAC+USC Medical Center, and an overview and status on the innovative Camino de Salud Network.

WHO: Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez
Allen Miller, CEO of COPE Health Solutions
Pete Delgado, CEO of the LAC+USC HealthCare Network
Bruce Chernof, Director and Chief Medical Officer, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

WHEN: Friday, November 16, 2007
10:30am - 11:00am

WHERE: Outpatient Entrance of the LA County USC Medical Center
1200 North State Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(Media parking: Lot 9 on Marengo St. and N. State St.)

BACKGROUND:

With the Assembly Health Committee's approval, AB1X is set for a November 26 floor vote in the Assembly. The plan would cover 6.7 uninsured Californians and would require businesses to spend 2 to 6.5 percent of their payroll expense on health care or contribute to a state fund. The plan relies on voters to pass a \$2 per pack increase in the state's tobacco tax.

The Camino de Salud Network is a public private partnership between LAC+USC, COPE Health Solutions and a number of private community clinics located throughout the LAC+USC service area, including Downtown, Hollywood, East Los Angeles and surrounding areas

