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PRESS CONFERENCE

Golden Valley Health Centers and Local Health Care Leaders Urge Passage of the Health Care Reform Bill That Will Expand Health Care to Millions of Uninsured

- What:** Press Conference for Health Care Reform
- When:** Saturday, March 20 at 1 pm
- Where:** Golden Valley Health Center
737 W. Childs Ave Merced, CA 95341
- Who:** Michael Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, Golden Valley Health Centers
Dr. Silvia Diego, Chief Medical Officer, Golden Valley Health Centers
Hilda Martinez, Communications Director, Central Valley Health Network
(partial list)

Merced, CA, March 19, 2010 — With the fate of the Health Care Reform Bill likely to be decided this weekend, health care leaders from the Central Valley are gathering to urge local Congressman Dennis Cardoza and other Valley Democratic Congressman to vote “yes” on Health Care Reform. Congressmen Cardoza and fellow Central Valley Congressmen Jim Costa (CA-20) and Jerry McNerney (CA-11) have not committed to supporting the bill. To date, no Central Valley Congressman – Democrat or Republican – has backed health care reform.

If passed, the Health Care Reform Bill would:

- Expand health care to 32 million uninsured.
- Bar the insurance industry from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.
- Trim federal deficits by an estimated \$130 billion in the first 10 years and \$1.2 trillion in the following decade.
- Provide \$11 billion of much needed funding for Community Health Centers, the backbone of health care delivery in regions like the Central Valley.
- Offer \$1.5 billion for the National Health Service Corps to fund 15,000 new primary care providers

- Expand Medicaid to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level

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