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**SAN DIEGO HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST PRESS CONFERENCE
CELEBRATING LOCAL IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

Health Center Partners, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage and Family Health Centers of San Diego to Share the Social and Economic Benefits of the ACA on the Anniversary of Its Signing

WHEN: Thursday, March 23, 2017
12 p.m.-1p.m. PDT

WHERE: San Diego Family Care, 7011 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111

WHAT: As part of a statewide initiative to celebrate the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on the anniversary of its signing seven years ago, local community and healthcare organizations from across San Diego County will host a press conference to discuss how the ACA has positively impacted Californians and the local community in particular. Speakers will present data demonstrating how specific components of the ACA—including Medicaid Expansion and Covered California—have supported community health centers and in turn improved access to quality health care for the most vulnerable and underserved individuals in the state. In addition to health benefits speakers will share new data surrounding the economic impact of community health centers in California, which includes \$1.2 billion in savings to the Medi-Cal program, the creation of over 9,000 jobs and \$1.17 billion in employment and economic impact of current operations. [Health Center Partners of Southern California](#) will host the event in partnership with the [Legal Aid Society of San Diego](#), [San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage](#) and [Family Health Centers of San Diego](#).

WHO: Health Center Partners and its subsidiaries serve as the nexus for its community health center members and partners to transform primary care through the power of innovation and collaboration. The organization's health policy, public affairs and advocacy efforts enhance the development of and recognition for its members who enrich the patient experience and improve the human condition through access to quality health care and related services for their diverse communities, with an emphasis on low-income and uninsured populations. For more information, visit www.hcpsocal.org.

Scheduled Speakers and Interview Opportunities:

- Henry Tuttle, President and CEO, Health Center Partners
- Gregory Knoll, Executive Director, Chief Counsel, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
- Jan Spencley, Executive Director, San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage
- Fran Butler-Cohen, CEO, Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Patients who have benefitted from the ACA

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