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Latina Leaders to Converge on the Nation's Capital to Address Latina Healthcare Issues at Summit Hosted by the National Latina Health Network

Summit Is the Culmination of Five U.S. Regional Symposia

WHO: The National Latina Health Network (NLHN), a national organization of 2,000 Latina leaders focused on improving the state of Latina health. Sponsors for the Latina Leaders for Health Summit:

- American Cancer Society
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Office of Women's Health, DHHS
- PhRMA / Partnership for Prescription Assistance
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS
- Women Heart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease
- AstraZeneca
- Macy's
- U.S. Apple Association
- Women ROCC!

WHAT: NLHN is holding its National Health Summit *Latina Leaders for Health* to address Latina healthcare concerns, provide recommendations for policy reform and discuss the quality of health-related services available to Latinas. The summit is the culmination of a two year effort during which NLHN organized symposia in five U.S. regions across the country. The regional symposia were held in New Jersey, Florida, Texas, California, and Illinois. Beyond expanding on symposia goals, participants in the Latina summit hope to create a solid foundation of information about Latinas, promote a forward-thinking health agenda to improve the quality of life for Latinas and their families and, ultimately, produce a National Latina Health Agenda.

The keynote speaker of the event will be **Dr. Cristina V. Beato**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Health and Human Services department, who will also receive an award for lifetime achievement in health. **Congresswoman Hilda Solis** and **Congresswoman Grace Napolitano** will also speak at the summit. Rep. Napolitano will be presented with the "Pioneer in Latina Health" award at the event.

WHEN: Wednesday September 6 – Friday September 8, 2006
(Wednesday: 1:00-6pm, Thursday: 8:30 am- 4pm, Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm)

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Washington
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

INTERVIEW

OPPORTUNITIES: Representatives from each region will be available for interviews during the event. To schedule an interview please contact Marisol.morales@nlhn.net or call 202-965-9633