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UC CALIFORNIA PROGRAM ON ACCESS TO CARE (CPAC) ANNOUNCES \$271,750 IN RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

Grants Target State-Level Health Care Reforms

In anticipation of new health care reform efforts after the November 2008 elections, CPAC announced today it is funding eight research projects that could assist policymakers in expanding health care coverage in California.

The CPAC grant projects have the potential to uncover important health care information, and can guide California policymakers who must provide for the health needs of California's population.

The CPAC grant recipients and projects include:

- Dr. Richard Kronick of UC San Diego received \$40,000 for his project entitled: *Understanding the Slow Growth in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Premiums during 2000-2007: Implications for Cost Containment and Access to Care.*
- Dr. Helen Lee of the Public Policy Institute of California received \$26,750 for her project entitled: *Emergency Department Care in California.*
- Dr. John Capitman of California State University, Fresno, and Laurie Primavera, Associate Director of the Central Valley Health Policy Institute, received \$60,000 for their project entitled: *Undocumented Latinos and Mixed-Status Families in Central Valley Counties: Health Care Access and Impacts on Safety Net Providers.*
- Dr. Andrew Bindman and Dr. Kevin Grumbach of UC San Francisco received \$65,000 for their project entitled: *Geographic Distribution and Characteristics of California Physicians.*
- Dr. Hilary Hoynes of UC Davis and Peter Huckfeldt, UC Davis Ph.D. candidate, received \$15,000 for a dissertation project entitled: *The Impacts of Recent Prenatal Insurance Eligibility Expansions.*
- Dr. Richard Brown and Shana Lavarreda, UCLA Senior Research Associate, received \$15,000 for a dissertation project entitled: *Discontinuous Enrollment in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families, and the Effects on Access to Physician Services.*

- Dr. Annette Maxwell of UC Los Angeles received \$10,000 for her project entitled: *Trends in Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates among Racial/Ethnic Groups in California: CHIS 2001,2003,2005.*
- Dr. Lonnie Snowden of UC Berkeley received \$40,000 for his project entitled: *Description of California's Limited English Proficient (LEP) Population & Strategies to Promote Access.*

Research results are disseminated through written reports and public briefings held in Sacramento. CPAC funds research grants, concept papers, dissertation grants, and postdoctoral fellowships. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$65,000.

Since 1998, CPAC has awarded over 100 health care grants, totaling over \$4 million, to academic and nonprofit public policy researchers located exclusively in California. CPAC-supported research focuses on health services for California's vulnerable populations, including the working poor, agricultural workers, immigrant workers, and other low-income households.

The California Program on Access to Care is an applied policy research program administered by UC Berkeley School of Public Health in cooperation with University of California, Office of the President. CPAC's activities assist the state's decision makers, including legislators, executive branch officials, and government agency leaders, by providing independent research and analysis.

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