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SECRETARY OF HEALTH VISITS CHESTER

Public discussion is scheduled to talk about the impact of being uninsured

Chester, PA – On Thursday May 1, 2008, the City of Chester’s Health Department is hosting a discussion for “Cover the Uninsured Week,” featuring the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, Dr. Calvin B. Johnson, M.D., M.P.H. The discussion will take place from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the Chester City Hall Community Room, 1 W. Fourth Street in Chester, Pennsylvania.

For the event, the topics of discussion include: “Prescription for Pennsylvania” - a set of integrated practical strategies for improving health care and containing costs for all Pennsylvanians; and “Highlighting the Impact of the Uninsured.” Both topics will cover Governor Edward Rendell’s health care reform plan for Pennsylvania.

The Chester Health Department is hosting the event in order to reach out to those City residents who are uninsured and to those who have questions about the rising costs of healthcare. Health Commissioner, Melanie Ragin, Ph.D., arranged the event in order to answer questions. “Today health care and insurance coverage is an ever present concern for Chester residents. My hope is that today’s discussion will help to shed light on the issue and help answer questions of those seeking answers,” said Dr. Ragin.

Dr. Johnson will also discuss Pennsylvania Access to Basic Care, a legislative proposal awaiting action in the Senate that would provide access to affordable health insurance to small businesses and those currently without insurance.

The Chester Health Department encourages all interested city residents to attend the event, especially those with concerns and questions specific to healthcare insurance and prescription plans.

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