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**Town Hall to Raise Awareness of Key Public Health Programs
Available to OC's Underserved Communities**

*CalOptima, Orange County Health Care Agency and Supervisor Janet Nguyen
partner to inform local physicians and health care providers.*

Orange, Calif. (April 5, 2011) – Orange County physicians and other health care providers are invited to learn more at a town hall meeting this Sunday about two key public health care programs available to providers serving local underserved communities. CalOptima, in partnership with the Orange County Health Care Agency and First District Supervisor and CalOptima Board of Director Janet Nguyen, is hosting the event to raise awareness of the CalOptima Care Network and the Medical Services Initiative Program. Physicians and providers can learn more about these opportunities to improve care for local low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities.

What: Health Care Providers Town Hall Meeting

When: Sunday, April 10, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Viet Herald Community Center
14861 Moran St., Westminster

About the CalOptima Care Network (CCN)

CalOptima recently organized a managed care network to better coordinate services for approximately 15,000 members with Medi-Cal whose conditions require specialized attention. CalOptima Care Network and its more than 200 primary care physicians and specialists provide a more streamlined path to quality care for members with specialized needs, including children in foster care, patients with end-stage renal disease, and those eligible for transplants.

About the Medical Services Initiative (MSI) Program

The Medical Services Initiative Program is a safety net delivery system operated by the Orange County Health Care Agency. The MSI program provides coordinated care for low income adults who are Orange County residents with a focus on primary and preventive care. All participants in the program are assigned to a primary care provider who manages and integrates the care they receive. The MSI program currently has nearly 250 primary care Medical Homes, over 1,000 participating physician specialists, and contracts with all major Orange County clinics and hospitals.

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About CalOptima

CalOptima is a County Organized Health System providing publicly funded health coverage programs for low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities in Orange County, California. CalOptima serves its 400,000 members with a network of more than 7,000 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 30 hospitals. CalOptima provides access to quality health care through its programs including Medi-Cal, Healthy Families Program, and OneCare (HMO-SNP).

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