

# MEDIA ALERT

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## MOVING FORWARD THE HEALTH OF MONTEREY COUNTY THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY

**WHAT:** The Health Initiative of the Americas, a program of the School of Public Health at University of California, Berkeley in collaboration with the Regional Diabetes Collaborative will convey a public policy briefing and presentation of health-related information that will discuss health policy opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of Monterey County residents.

The Objective of the briefing is to inform policy makers on health outcomes and provide researched based recommendations to improve the overall health of county residents.

During such event a presentation of Diabetes Epidemic will be delivered by researcher Lucia Kaiser of UC Davis, and Policy recommendations to improve the health of Migrant communities in Monterey County by Margaret Collins of University of California-Cooperative Extension.

The current health status of Monterey County will be also addressed by Dr. Lisa Hernandez of Monterey County Health Department. The event will conclude with policy recommendations provided by the key stakeholders attending the meeting.

**WHO:** University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health through the Health Initiative of the Americas (HIA), The California Endowment.

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, November 17, 2009**  
2:00PM-4:00PM  
National Steinbeck Center Address: One Main Street, Salinas, CA.

**WHY:** California is home to hundreds of immigrant/migrant communities whose contributions to the state's economy are countless, research on health outcomes and access to health care reveal an increased need to address socio-economic and environmental factors influencing health outcomes among Monterey County residents.

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