Videoconference Briefing:
Governor Schwarzenegger’s Healthcare Reform Plan for California
President Bush’s Healthcare Reform Proposals
Monday, March 26, 2007

11:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
Presentation by Alan Weil – Governor Schwarzenegger’s Healthcare Reform Plan for California
11:20 a.m. Question / Answer portion on Mr. Weil’s presentation
11:30 a.m. Presentation by Paul Fronstin – President Bush’s Healthcare Reform Proposals
11:50 a.m. Question / Answer portion on Dr. Fronstin’s presentation
12:00 p.m. Closing remarks

Alan Weil, J.D., M.P.P. – Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

Alan Weil has been executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy since September of 2004. Previously, Mr. Weil served for seven years as director of the Assessing the New Federalism project at the Urban Institute. Mr. Weil’s work in health policy is extensive: he served as the executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; was health policy advisor to Colorado Governor Roy Romer; and was assistant general counsel in the Massachusetts Department of Medical Security. He is the editor of the book Federalism and Health Policy, has authored chapters, and published articles in journals including Health Affairs and Inquiry. Mr. Weil was an appointed member of President Clinton’s Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry, which drafted the patient's bill of rights. He is a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, the Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System, and serves on advisory committees for three Robert Wood Johnson Foundation projects. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Public Health and Hospitals Institute, and of the editorial board of State Health Watch. Mr. Weil is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and received his M.P.P. degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Paul Fronstin, PhD – Senior Research Associate, Employee Benefit Research Institute

Paul Fronstin is a senior research associate with the Employee Benefit Research Institute, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to original public policy research and education on economic security and employee benefits. He is also Director of the Institute's Health Research and Education Program and has been with EBRI since 1993. Dr. Fronstin's research interests include trends in employment-based health benefits, consumer-driven health benefits, the uninsured, retiree health benefits, employee benefits and taxation, and public opinion about health care. He currently serves on the steering committee for the Emeriti Retirement Health Program, the board of advisors for CareGain, and on the Maryland State Planning Grant Health Care Coverage Workgroup. In 2001, Dr. Fronstin served on the Institute of Medicine Subcommittee on the Status of the Uninsured. He has testified before various committees of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. He has appeared before over 100 groups to share his expertise on employee benefits. He has also made numerous presentations for congressional staff and the media. Dr. Fronstin earned his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Binghamton and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Miami.

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