

PAMCO: Pa. Coalition of Medical Assistance MCO's (PAMCO) hosting roundtable on the future of Medicaid, Pennsylvania's health care safety net, during tough economic times.

Text of Oct. 14 media advisory.

(PHILADELPHIA) -- The Pennsylvania Coalition of Medical Assistance Managed Care Organizations (PAMCO) will join with state legislators, local officials, health care providers, social service agencies and community leaders for an important roundtable discussion on the future of the Medicaid program, Pennsylvania's health care safety net, in tough economic times.

The roundtable will be held Thursday, October 16th, at 10 a.m., at Health Partners' Office, 901 Market Street, in Center City Philadelphia.

Nearly one-half million people in the city of Philadelphia, and nearly three-quarters of a million people in the five-county southeastern Pennsylvania area are currently served by Medicaid. These clients include children, the elderly, disabled and chronically ill residents.

Concerned officials and community leaders will discuss how to maintain affordable access to high quality health care for our most vulnerable citizens at this roundtable.

Scheduled speakers include:

- William George, President and CEO of Health Partners
- Sen. Shirley Kitchen, D-Philadelphia
- Dr. John Cacciamani, University of Temple Health System
- Yvette Long, Philadelphia Welfare Rights
- Sherry Knowlton, Senior Vice-President and General Manager, AmeriHealth Mercy Health Plan
- Dr. Jay Feldstein, CMO for Keystone Mercy Health Plan

Your coverage of this event is encouraged.