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COUNTY SUMMIT ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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(Trenton) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) expects over 150 county and business leaders from across the State to attend its important and timely Summit on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on December 13th at the Trenton Country Club in Trenton, New Jersey.

“NJAC’s Summit on the Affordable Care Act will provide an exclusive opportunity to hear healthcare industry experts discuss county governments’ unique role under the Act as an employer, administrator of human service programs, and manager of county jails,” said NJAC President and Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin.

NJAC has put together two terrific panel discussions for an informative and educational half-day event. The first panel will discuss the Act in general, Medicaid expansion, what’s expected of county governments, and the potential impact on county jails. The second panel will discuss employer responsibilities, legal and tax ramifications, and other practical implications under the Act. NJ 101.5’s Kevin McArdle will moderate both panel discussions. NJAC is also pleased to announce that Dr. Jaime R. Torres, the Region II Director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, will serve as the keynote luncheon speaker.

“With a wealth of experience and knowledge as a nationally recognized healthcare leader, we look forward to hearing Dr. Torres provide us with some valuable insights on how the Department plans on managing the most significant overhaul of the American healthcare system in a generation,” commented Dublin.

Here’s a sample of some of the questions we plan on answering: what is the Cadillac or Excise Tax under the Act and when does it begin; as large employers with high-value public employee health insurance plans, what are some of the steps counties should take to prepare themselves for the tax; how will the Act impact collective bargaining relative to pension and health benefits reform under Chapter 78; how has expanding Medicaid eligibility impacted county welfare agencies and boards of social services; and, are inmates housed in county jails authorized to purchase health insurance through the health insurance market and are they eligible for Medicaid under the Act. Please see the attached agenda or visit www.njac.org for additional details about registration,

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Trenton Country Club - 201 Sullivan Way Trenton, New Jersey

December 13, 2013

NJAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, & NETWORKING

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

A REVIEW OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

NJ 101.5's Kevin McArdle will moderate both panels

- Ward Sanders, *President, NJ Association of Health Plans*
- Kathy Lockbaum, *President, County Welfare Directors Association of NJ*
- Paul Beddoe, *Deputy Legislative Director, National Association of Counties*
- Dr. Nilsa Gutierrez, *Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services*
- Al Campana, *Chief Operating Officer, CFG Health Network*

NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYERS UNDER THE ACT

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Patrick W. McGovern, *Partner, Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster LLC*
- Thomas C. Fletcher, *Groups Benefits Manager, Brown & Brown, Inc.*
- Tammy Brown, *Executive Vice President, Conner, Strong, & Buckelew*
- Patrick M. Gillespie, *Director of State Government Affairs, Cigna*

LUNCH SERVED AND MORE NETWORKING

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

- Dr. Jaime R. Torres
Region II Director, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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