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**IT'S NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK –  
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR LOCAL HEALTH CENTER IS?**

**Urban Health Plan to offer health screenings  
for National Health Center Week**

Bronx, New York -- An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but for many uninsured and medically underserved Americans, an apple a day won't keep them healthy, but their local community health center will.

**National Health Center Week (August 8 – 14, 2010)** highlights the role of community health centers as "health care homes," providing primary health care and a range of services for over 20 million uninsured and medically underserved people nationwide.

Locally, Urban Health Plan, Inc. (UHP) celebrates National Health Center Week with health screening events at all UHP satellite health center in the South Bronx and Corona, Queens. Screenings include blood pressure, glucose, and body mass index.

UHP will also provide health screenings to local small businesses' employers (Mega Radio Dispatcher and Delicioso Coco Helado) whose employees don't have health insurance.

**WHAT: National Health Center Week**

**WHO: Urban Health Plan**

**WHEN: Monday, August 9, 2010 – Friday, August 13, 2010**

For more details regarding specific events and times at each subsidiary site of Urban Health Plan, please contact Robin West, Communications Manager and/or Nicole Castro, Development Consultant.

**About Urban Health Plan:**

Urban Health Plan (UHP) is a network of federally qualified community health centers based in the South Bronx and Queens. Its mission is to improve the health status of underserved communities. In 2009, UHP served over 37,000 patients through 200,000 patient visits at four clinic sites, five school-based clinics, and four off-sites. It has served the Hunts Point, Mott Haven and other surrounding communities of the Bronx since 1974.

As a federally qualified health center, UHP plays a vital role in providing health services to poor and medically underserved populations who often have difficulty accessing quality health care.

Over the years, UHP has developed many health improvement initiatives including a nationally acclaimed asthma management program, programs in childhood obesity prevention, nutrition, HIV/AIDS care, and mental health services. UHP is one of the first community health centers in New York that fully uses electronic medical records and is currently using iris recognition technology to identify patients.

In 2009 UHP was named one of the top twenty community health centers in the country; received the Davies Award for Excellence from the Health Information Management Systems Society for its excellence in the use of electronic health records and was awarded Level 3 recognition as a Physician Practice Connections – Patient-Centered Medical Home (PPC-PCMH) from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Level 3 recognition is the highest awarded by the NCQA.

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