



**Health Reform Briefing:
“Health Equity: A Moral and Economic Imperative!”**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009
National Press Club**

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies Health Policy Institute is partnering with Drexel University School of Public Health’s Center for Health Equality and Health Management Associates to analyze major health reform legislation by assessing the implications for racial and ethnic minorities. The Joint Center is also working with Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health’s Center for Health Disparities Solutions and the African American Studies Department, University of Maryland, College Park to assess the economic costs associated with health inequities.

Please join us and our strategic partners for a continental breakfast and briefing to discuss this analysis and the preliminary results of a study on the economic benefits of addressing health disparities on Thursday, September 17, 2009, 8 AM – 10AM at the National Press Club in the Holeman Lounge, 13th Floor, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20045.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: We are no long accepting RSVPs to this event.

The briefing will be available online. To view the live Webcast (8:30 AM) visit www.jointcenter.org/hpi , no registration required.

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Honorable James E. Clyburn, (D-SC) House Majority Whip, United House of Representatives
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The Honorable Donna Christensen, (D-VI), Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, (D-IL), United States Senate

The Honorable John F. Kerry, (D-MA), United States Senate

The Honorable Olympia J. Snowe, (R-ME), United States Senate

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