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**JOINT CENTER'S COMMISSION ON PATERNAL INVOLVEMENT IN PREGNANCY OUTCOMES
TO ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS AT CAPITOL HILL BRIEFING**

Please join the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies Health Policy Institute for the release and discussion of new policy, research and practice recommendations in a report from the Commission on Paternal Involvement in Pregnancy Outcomes.

When: Thursday, May 20, 2010, from 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Where: Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2128
Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street
Washington, DC 20515

What: Assembled in 2009, with a grant from the Office of Minority Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Commission on Paternal Involvement in Pregnancy Outcomes (CPIPO) is a trans-disciplinary working group of scholars from the social sciences and public health community whose goal is to raise public awareness of the need for paternal involvement in pregnancy and family health. CPIPO's recommendations are intended to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in pregnancy outcomes by offering best and promising practices to address policy barriers and increase the involvement of men and expectant fathers in family planning, preconception health and care, reproductive health, maternal and child health research and clinical practice.

Speakers: **The Honorable Danny K. Davis (D-IL).**

Ralph B. Everett, Esq., President and CEO, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

Jermane Bond, Ph.D., Research Associate, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies Health Policy Institute.

Willie Parker, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, Planned Parenthood, Washington, DC, Co-Chair, Commission on Paternal Involvement in Pregnancy Outcomes.

Roland Warren, M.B.A., President, National Fatherhood Initiative, Member, Commission on Paternal Involvement in Pregnancy Outcomes.

Amina Alio, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, College of Public Health, Community and Family Health, University of South Florida.

Michael Lu, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine and Public Health, Co-Chair, Commission on Paternal Involvement in Pregnancy Outcomes.

RSVP for the event at hpi@jointcenter.org. Copies of the Commission's report will be available on the day of the event at www.jointcenter.org/hpi. For questions or press inquiries, please contact Betty Anne Williams at (202) 789-3505 or bawilliams@jointcenter.org.

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