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*****Media Advisory*****

DHHS Leader to Visit Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Friday to Promote National Patient Safety Initiative

WHAT: U.S. Health & Human Services (DHHS) Region 9 Director Herb K. Schultz will join Los Angeles County Department of Health Services leaders in a news conference to promote the “Partnership for Patients” initiative established under the Affordable Care Act. The effort aims to save 60,000 lives by putting an end to millions of preventable injuries and complications in patient care over the next three years, improving quality and containing costs.

Region 9 Director Schultz will tour the hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where clinicians have reduced central line infection rates in newborns in a replicable model. More than 1,300 hospitals nationwide have pledged their commitment to the initiative. More information on the federal Partnership for Patients initiative is available at www.healthcare.gov.

WHEN: Friday, September 9, 2011
News conference begins 1:00 PM.

WHERE: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
1000 W. Carson Street, Torrance (Parlow Library)
(Use Parking Lot A off Vermont Ave or the Park n Ride lot immediately off 110 S at Carson exit)

WHO: -Herb K. Schultz, Region 9 Director, DHHS
-Mitchell Katz, MD, Director, Department of Health Services
-Melissa Stafford Jones, CEO, CA Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems

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