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ATTENTION--Editors and Reporters Call-in News Conference:

LWVF, national experts discuss Medicaid expansion and Florida's economy

The 2013 Florida legislative session came to a close last month with no solution to the issue of Medicaid expansion, leaving nearly 1 million of Florida's most vulnerable without access to healthcare. Studies suggest the expansion of Medicaid in Florida would bring nearly \$51 billion dollars in federal money into the state over the next 10 years and would add 121,000 jobs, providing a much-needed boost to Florida's anemic economy. Many businesses throughout Florida have continued to advocate for the expansion of Medicaid, understanding how vital it is to the state's economy and business climate. Without the expansion of Medicaid, many businesses in Florida will be placed at a competitive disadvantage and could look to relocate to other states with more business-friendly healthcare laws.

On Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 AM, LWVF will host a media conference call to discuss Medicaid expansion and its impact on Florida's economy.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 AM EST

WHO:

Bill Kramer

Bill is Executive Director for National Health Policy at the Pacific Business Group on Health. In this role, he leads PBGH's work at the federal and state levels to advance policy to improve healthcare quality and reduce costs. Bill also serves as Project Director and Co-chair for the Consumer-Purchaser Disclosure Project, a collaborative led by PBGH and the National Partnership for Women & Families to improve the quality and affordability of healthcare. Bill has an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and a BA from Harvard University.



Karen van Caulil, Ph.D

Karen serves as President of the Florida Health Care Coalition. For 29 years, FHCC has helped employers in Florida improve the quality of health care services and moderate healthcare cost increases. FHCC serves to amplify the voice of employers in healthcare issues and leverages the strength of its members to effect change in the healthcare marketplace.



Deirdre Macnab, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida, will moderate the call

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