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League of Women Voters of Florida and business community to hold news conference on Medicaid expansion *League and other groups urge Florida legislature to accept the federal dollars from the expansion*

WHAT: The League of Women Voters and key area representatives from business, health and civic interests address Florida's inaction to date on Medicaid expansion and speak to the business and economic justifications for the state's acceptance of Medicaid expansion funds.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 10:30 AM

WHERE: Harbor Island Waterfront Plaza*
Tampa, FL
*Location subject to change

WHO: Featured speakers include:

Deirdre Macnab, President, League of Women Voters of Florida
Jim Burkhart, CEO, Tampa General Hospital
Bob Rohrlack, President/CEO, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce
John Petrila, Chair, USF Health Policy & Management Department
Erin Carr, Owner/Founder, CompassCare
and representatives from Florida Blue, Tampa Bay Black Nurses Association and the Florida Council of Churches

ABOUT: The conference will address the need for Florida's legislature to act now to accept the \$51 billion in federal money for Medicaid expansion, which House members rejected last session, depriving nearly 1 million of the state's most vulnerable citizens of affordable healthcare. The inaction on the part of Florida lawmakers also delayed the opportunity to create as many as 120,000 jobs. In anticipation of Florida legislators' return to Tallahassee for committee meetings in the coming weeks, the news conference will feature speakers from the business and healthcare industries, as well as community advocates, who have all come together to emphasize the health and economic benefits of expanded access to Medicaid and to call on Florida's elected officials to accept the federal money for the expansion promptly.

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