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Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

What Does It Take for a Family to Afford to Pay for Health Care? Teleconference Wednesday, August 1 for Media Only

SACRAMENTO – A new report jointly authored by the California Budget Project and the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research shows that families spend a substantial amount of money on health care premiums and out-of-pocket costs, and could face financially devastating medical expenses if they are not adequately protected. “What Does It Take for a Family to Afford to Pay for Health Care?” recommends that any health care reform proposals – such as those proposed by the Governor and Democratic legislative leaders – limit out-of-pocket costs and include full subsidies for families who make up to 200 percent of the poverty level (\$41,300 for a family of four) and provide partial subsidies for families with incomes well above 300 percent of the poverty level (\$61,950 for a family of four).

“What Does It Take for a Family to Afford to Pay for Health Care?” will be released the morning of Wednesday, August 1 and will be available once released at www.cbp.org. At 11:00 a.m., an audio teleconference will be held for reporters, editors, columnists, and bloggers to discuss the findings of the report.

WHAT: Audio teleconference on “What Does It Take for a Family to Afford to Pay for Health Care?”

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WHEN: Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

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