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**Regional Boards of Health unite to call for national health care reform**

**"Theatrical tactics" of opponents decried**

While Congress debates mechanisms for the financing and provision of national health care reform, the agencies on the front line of providing public health throughout Western Washington will join together TOMORROW to urge Washington's Congressional delegation to continue working towards passage of national health care reform in 2009.

***Tuesday, August 11***

***10:00 a.m.***

***Executive Conference Room***

***Chinook Building, 1st Floor***

***401 Fifth Avenue (at Jefferson)***

***Seattle***

Metropolitan King County Councilmember Julia Patterson, chair of the King County Board of Health, will be joined by representatives from the Boards of Health of Snohomish, Kitsap, Thurston, Clark and Tacoma-Pierce Counties. The speakers will discuss their support of the current effort to create comprehensive health care reform and the role public health agencies must play in any proposal approved by Congress.

The timeline for drafting health care reform legislation is moving quickly for state and federal lawmakers. President Obama has asked Congress to deliver legislation to his desk by the end of the year.

***Editors: A call-in line will be available for media unable to attend. The number to call is 206-205-9300.***

