July 4, 2007

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to Chapter 14, Section 14.4 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (“DPH”) has developed draft Regulations Implementing Healthy San Francisco and Medical Reimbursement Account Provisions of the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance. The regulations govern the Healthy San Francisco and Medical Reimbursement Account programs authorized in the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as Ordinances 218-06 and 69-07.

The public was provided an opportunity to submit written comments on the draft regulations to the San Francisco Department of Public Health from June 15, 2007 to June 29, 2007.

The San Francisco Health Commission will consider adoption of the draft regulations at its regularly scheduled July 17, 2007 meeting. The meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to make oral comments and testimony on the draft regulations. The meeting will take place as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 17, 2007
TIME: Health Commission meetings begin at 3:00 p.m.
   (This item is not time-certain.)
PLACE: San Francisco Department of Public Health
   101 Grove Street, Room 300, San Francisco, CA 94102

This meeting notice will be posted on the following websites: www.sfdph.org and www.sfhp.org/HealthySanFrancisco.

The draft regulations to be considered by the San Francisco Health Commission will be available Thursday, July 12, 2007 on the following websites: www.sfhp.org/HealthySanFrancisco and www.sfdph.org. In addition, they will be accessible via: www.sfgov.org/site/olse_index.asp?id=45168. Those without Internet access may obtain a copy of the draft regulations on Thursday, July 12, 2007 from 101 Grove Street, Room 308 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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