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Alliance Healthcare Foundation Announces Fall Funding Recipient: One-e-App

\$250,000 granted to The Center to Promote HealthCare Access to streamline screening for up to 40,000 San Diegans to health and social services programs

San Diego, CA—December 9, 2009—Alliance Healthcare Foundation (AHF) has selected The Center to Promote HealthCare Access to receive a \$250,000 grant to implement its One-e-App software at 15 nonprofit community-based organizations (CBOs), greatly improving access to health and social services programs for up to 40,000 people in the San Diego region.

One-e-App represents a powerful tool for community organizations to connect individuals with much-needed services. The CBOs who implement One- e-App will be able to screen individuals and families simultaneously across programs, routing applications and documentation to appropriate agencies for program eligibility determination.

This technology will allow the selected CBOs to collect and transmit application information electronically to the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency to begin the application process for programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps) and Medi-Cal. The system also screens eligibility for state and federally sponsored programs, such as Healthy Families, Earned Income Tax Credit and energy assistance programs. In the 12 California counties where the technology has already been implemented, its use has significantly reduced total application processing times, facilitated greater enrollment and participation in a range of programs, and decreased wait times and number of trips to County and program services offices.

“One-e-App is an innovative technological solution to the well-documented difficulties of applying for public programs, and directly supports AHF’s mission to improve access to health care for the San Diego

region's medically underserved and vulnerable populations. This has the potential to move the needle in San Diego by increasing the capacity and coordination of the safety net delivery system," said Karma Bass, AHF's President and CEO.

The public-private partnership underpinning this effort facilitates greater coordination throughout the health and social services sector in San Diego. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will be instrumental in the program's implementation. "This use of on-line technology is expected to increase participation in programs such as SNAP, reduce lobby traffic and wait times in County Family Resource Centers, and allow the County to complete the eligibility process more efficiently," said Nick Macchione, Director, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.

One-e-App signals a positive and exciting shift in the processes of the health care delivery system for the poor, easing access and increasing the participation of those who need it most.

About Alliance Healthcare Foundation

Alliance Healthcare Foundation is a locally focused, nonprofit health care foundation working to improve access to health care for poor, vulnerable and low-income communities. We accomplish this through collaborative grantmaking, advocacy and education.

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