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Hispanic Health Coalition Receives Grant from Lilly Grant Office to Address Diabetes Among Georgia Hispanics

ATLANTA, GA — Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia (HHCGA) has been awarded $10,000 from Lilly USA, LLC, to reverse the trend of increasing diabetes among Georgia’s Hispanics. Specifically, support from Lilly USA will enable HHCGA to implement a diabetes health promotion program for Hispanic adults in the metropolitan Atlanta area and convene a statewide workgroup to address the growing issue of diabetes in this population.

“These funds will provide critically needed support for HHCGA’s work to implement the recommendations from our recently released Georgia Latino Health Report, which contained a set of action steps to reduce health disparities among Latino adults and children in Georgia. Diabetes is one of the principal areas of focus in the report,” said Heidy Guzman, HHCGA Executive Director. “As Georgia’s premier health coalition created to improve the health status of Latinos, HHCGA has assumed the lead role in coordinating and facilitating efforts to implement the report’s recommendations. Funding from Lilly USA will help us address diabetes in the Latino community on two levels: a) advocacy for improved access to diabetes treatment, and b) increased opportunities for prevention information and services.”

The project will use a health promotion approach to educate Latino adults on diabetes prevention and help them navigate the multiple obstacles that can hamper them as they seek preventive and diagnostic services. It will also coordinate a statewide workgroup to develop and implement a 3-year action plan to address the growing issue of diabetes among Georgia’s Latinos. For more information, contact Heidy Guzman at hguzman@hhcga.org or (678) 843-8905.

About the Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia
Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia is Georgia’s only statewide organization that focuses on Latino/Hispanic health. Services focus on community health promotion, education, health advocacy, and building capacity for high quality, culturally sensitive, and linguistically appropriate health care and prevention services that lead to better health outcomes for Latinos and the larger community. For more information, visit www.hhcga.org or call (678) 843-8905.