



Jewish groups co-sponsor meeting with legislators on health care

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Central Reform Congregation sent over a news release about an upcoming meeting with legislators about the A

March 23, 2012 will mark the second anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable C
March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will begin oral arguments on several court cases challenging provisions of th

In Missouri, efforts to implement the ACA have been marked by partisan sparring and gridlock. In response, a c
and community organizations, including five Jewish community organizations, is holding a Public Meeting with
implementation of the Act in Missouri.

“As someone who has been denied health insurance due to a so-called ‘pre-existing condition,’ I know how bad
needs reform. Missouri needs to cut through the politics and implement the Affordable Care Act as quickly as p
give us an opportunity to take that message directly to our elected officials,” said meeting planner Leslie Caplar
cantorial staff member at Central Reform Congregation (CRC) and is also active in Missouri Health Care for A.

Barbara Finch, Program Chair of Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice, added, “We know that legislators
have questions about what’s actually in the Affordable Care Act. We are coming to this meeting to help educate
and Senators about what’s in the law and why we need them to make implementation a priority.”

Rev. Allen Ladage with Missouri Interfaith IMPACT stresses that health reform is a moral issue. “We have bee
of health reform since before this law was even written. But at the end of the day, health reform isn’t about poli
to protect the dignity and well-being of every person, and it’s about saving lives. It’s up to us to remind our legi
feel.”

The program is free and open to the public. Jewish community co-sponsoring organizations include Central Ref
Congregation Shaare Emeth, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, Jewish Family & Children’s S

of Jewish Women – St. Louis Section. Other co-sponsoring organizations include Disability Coalition on Health Theological Seminary; First Unitarian Church Social Responsibility Committee; Lutheran Family and Children Alliance for Retired Americans Education Fund; Missouri Citizen Education Fund; Missouri Health Care for A IMPACT; Missouri Jobs with Justice; Peace with Justice Office, United Methodist Church; and Women’s Voic

What: Public Meeting to Discuss Health Reform in Missouri with Legislators

When: Sunday, March 25, 3-5 pm at Congregation Shaare Emeth, 11645 Ladue Road in Creve Coeur

Who: St. Louis Metro-area State Representatives and Senators

Leaders and members of 16 co-sponsoring organizations



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