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Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access Announces New Staff Additions to Legislative and Legal Team

May 23, 2011 – Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access (SNHPA) is pleased to announce three recent additions to our Legislative and Legal staff.

Kara Stencel has been hired as Director of Government Relations for SNHPA. She spent 8 years on Capitol Hill working for Members representing districts in California, Florida, Kentucky and Ohio. Most recently, she was the Legislative Director for Congressman Allen Boyd. He was appointed to both the Committee on Appropriations and the Budget Committee, so she has extensive experience assessing a wide range of legislative issues, including health care.

Maureen Testoni has been hired as Assistant General Counsel for SNHPA. Ms. Testoni spent several years as a health care advisor on Capitol Hill, working for both Senator Max Baucus and Congressman Marty Russo. After spending 10 years in private practice, she worked for the American Psychological Association, most recently serving as Senior Director for Legal and Regulatory Affairs.

Kathryn DiBitetto has been hired as the Policy and Advocacy Manager for SNHPA. She was most recently the Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Michael E. McMahon of New York where she focused on health care and appropriations issues. Before her time on the Hill, she represented and advocated for a variety of health care nonprofit organizations.

“We are delighted to have Kara, Maureen, and Kathryn on board,” said **Ted Slafsky, Executive Director**. “They each bring a unique level of expertise which will help SNHPA continue to ensure that 340B hospitals have a voice in Washington. As former Capitol Hill staffers, they will be instrumental in helping us expand SNHPA’s outreach with Congress and the Administration.”

Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access (SNHPA) is an association of over 700 hospitals with a mission to increase the affordability and accessibility of pharmaceutical care for the nation's poor and underserved populations. For more information about SNHPA and the 340B program, visit www.snhpa.org.

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