

**LATINO LEADERS LAUNCH EFFORT TO MAKE  
THEIR VOICES  
HEARD IN NATIONAL AND STATE HEALTH CARE  
DEBATES**

**WHO:** Latino leaders from the Northeast will gather at the first “**Latino Voices in Universal Health Care, A Regional Action Summit,**” designed to bring Latino voices to the health care reform debate.

**Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut and Latinos for National Health Insurance** are the cosponsors of the event. The Host Committee includes: District Council 37 (AFSCME), NY Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, The Connecticut Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, Columbia University Center for the Health of Urban Minorities, Hispanic Center of Excellence Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Universal Health Care Action Network, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), NYU Center for Latino Health, National Hispanic Council on Aging, and Healthcare NOW.

**WHY:** There is much at stake for Latinos. In Connecticut alone, while Latinos are 10 percent of the state’s population, they constitute 40 percent of the uninsured. These numbers reflect nationwide trends.

Latino leaders are underrepresented at state and national political decision-making tables. At the national level, there are only three Hispanic U.S. Senators and 23 Hispanic members of the U.S. House of Representatives. At the state level, there are only 58 Hispanics in State Senates and only 180 Hispanics in U.S. State Houses or Assemblies.

**WHAT:** At the summit, Latino leaders will identify opportunities for organizing and building state and national coalitions to advance universal health care for all.

**WHEN/WHERE:** **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Sheraton 4-Points, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden,  
CT

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