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"Healthcare Reform – Next Steps" To Be Held September 22

(Peoria, IL) -- Quality Quest for Health of Illinois, Bradley's Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service, and the AAIM Employer's Association are co-hosting a breakfast presentation and discussion on "Healthcare Reform- Next Steps" on Tuesday, September 22 from 7-9:30 a.m. at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria. The cost is \$20 per person and all are invited.

The presentation will be a facilitated expert panelist discussion with key stakeholders in mind – employers, providers, and consumers at the regional level. The goal is to educate different stakeholder groups about how healthcare reform legislation would impact them and our communities. The agenda includes:

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	
7:30 a.m.	Reform Overview	Dr. Gail Amundson, CEO, Quality Quest for Health of Illinois Brad McMillan, Executive Director, Institute for Principled Leadership
7:45 a.m.	Panel Discussion	Jerry Duggan, Healthcare Benefits, Caterpillar Inc. Paul Macek, CEO, Proctor Hospital Dr. Kevin O'Brien, Department of Economics, Bradley University Dr. Robert Parker, Chief Medical Officer, Health Alliance Eric Parmenter, Senior Consultant, Towers Perrin Steve Thompson, CEO, Easter Seals
8:45 a.m.		Audience Questions
9:25 a.m.	Wrap-Up	Mary Pille, CAE, SPHR, President, AAIM Employers' Association

Panelists will address the following two questions and then take questions from the audience submitted on index cards:

- What impact will the proposed healthcare reform have on quality to individuals?
- What impact will the proposed healthcare reform have on affordability to individuals, employers, and the community as a whole?

Attendees may register on-line at www.eaconnect.com or call 309-637-3333.

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About Quality Quest for Health of Illinois

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is a healthcare collaborative working together to transform healthcare in our state. We bring physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, patients and families together to focus on creating healthier communities with better patient outcomes and improving the quality of care delivered. We collect data related to specific Quest projects and report performance information to the medical community and the public. The information helps providers compare their performance to peers and regional/national benchmarks and to improve patient care. For more information, visit www.qualityquest.org.

About the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service

The Bradley Institute for Principled Leadership promotes a return to statesmanship at all levels of the government. Bradley University and the Dirksen Congressional Center joined forces to become a Midwestern think tank advocating for a bipartisan leadership approach to resolve America's most pressing problems. The Institute's mission is to become nationally recognized for educating and training collaborative, bipartisan and ethical leaders for successful careers in public service. For more information, visit <http://ipl.bradley.edu>.

About the AAIM Employer's Association

AAIM Employer's Association is a not-for-profit membership organization serving employers throughout Illinois and Missouri. The nearly 1,600 members include private and public sector employers, represent a wide cross-section of industries, and range in size from fewer than 25 employees to thousands in Fortune 500 companies. The organization works with member management staffs to provide information, guidance, training, and human resource services. For more information, visit www.eaconnect.com.

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