

PRESS RELEASE

**THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINORITY HEALTH OF THE ARKANSAS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCES
A LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC FORUM FAIR IN LITTLE ROCK**

LITTLE ROCK--The Senate Subcommittee on Minority Health of the Arkansas General Assembly will host a legislative public forum on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010. This will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the State Capitol Room 151.

The meeting is open to all residents, minority residents (African American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian) of the area are encouraged to attend and share with legislators what type of health services they would like to have in their region or county and ask questions of their elected officials.

Attendees will be provided with a synopsis of public health concerns expressed by citizens living in counties where life expectancy at birth based on death data shows that minorities die 10 years earlier than non-minorities. Speakers will also present information on recent legislation passed in 2009 that will impact public health. Dinner will be provided.

Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Minority Health, Sen. Jack Crumbly, Sen. Percy Malone, and other committee members will be present. Local representatives, senators, county judges and mayors have also been invited. Spanish interpreters will be available.

For more information, call the Arkansas Minority Health Commission toll-free at 877.264.2826

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