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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO HOST HEALTH CARE SUMMIT ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) has announced that it will host, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a Health Care Summit on Emergency Communications, Response and Recovery on Thursday, November 1, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The Summit will focus on hospital emergency communications plans and preparedness efforts, including the use of alternative technologies to bolster response capabilities. The Summit will also examine the benefits of utilizing broadband networks, to support telemedicine, and other communications infrastructure that will improve information-sharing capabilities and further strengthen the Nation's response to pandemics or bioterrorism-related events. Additional information regarding the Summit and an official agenda will be released by the Bureau in the near future.

The Summit will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending the summit may pre-register on-line at: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/summits/healthcare/">http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/summits/healthcare/</a>. Those who pre-registered will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Sue Gilgenbach at 202-418-0639 regarding pre-registration. A live web cast will be available at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov">www.fcc.gov</a>.

Sign language interpreters and open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a detailed description of the accommodation you will need on the day of the event. Please also include your contact information so that we may reach you for additional details, if necessary. It is important that you make your request as soon as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: For reasonable accommodations: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).