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**Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum Hosts  
Summit on Health Care Payment Reform**

**Baton Rouge, La.** – The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum will sponsor its Spring Summit on Thursday, June 9, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Baton Rouge Marriott. Entitled, **Better Ways to Pay for Health Care**, the informational event will bring together national and local leaders to share their unique perspectives on payment reform.

Alan Weil, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy, will deliver the keynote address. Other presenters on the agenda include David Willis, managing director of The Advisory Board Company; Warner Thomas, president and chief operating officer of Ochsner Health System; Edgar Silvey, chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge Clinic; Kenneth Phenow, MD, chief medical officer for BlueCross and BlueShield of Louisiana; and Barbara Guerard, vice president of health systems for Peoples Health.

The Quality Forum would also like to recognize BlueCross and BlueShield of Louisiana as the event's Diamond Sponsor.

Registration is \$25 per person before June 9 or \$35 at the door. To register prior to the event, please visit the Quality Forum website at [www.lhqcf.org](http://www.lhqcf.org) or call the Quality Forum office at (225) 300-4825.

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**About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum**

*The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to advancing evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana citizens. In addition, the Quality Forum serves as the state-designated entity to lead the planning and implementation of the health information technology grants contained in the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For more information, please visit [www.lhqcf.org](http://www.lhqcf.org).*