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Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Gets \$15,000 From Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois To Fund Outreach Efforts

[CHICAGO, ILLINOIS] - [October 12] – *Health & Medicine Policy Research Group* announced that it has been recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois for its work in expanding access to health care and improving the health care workforce, and has been awarded a \$15,000 grant to continue its important efforts. This is the first time Health & Medicine has been funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and funding will be used to address strengthening the Community Health Worker model in Illinois. “We are proud to support *Health & Medicine Policy Research Group*,” said Clarita Santos, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois director of community health initiatives. “Our mission is to promote the health and wellness of our members and our communities through accessible, cost-effective, quality health care. By supporting organizations like *Health & Medicine*, we are able to reach out to the people most in need.”

Health & Medicine is one of 170 organizations to receive a grant in 2010 from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, which focuses its giving in the areas of health and wellness and human services. Additional information about preventative care and wellness promotion is available at: <http://www.bcbsil.com>

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Health & Medicine Policy Research Group is a 29-year old independent health policy center in Chicago that conducts research, educates and collaborates with other groups to advocate policies and impact health systems to improve the health status of all people. The *Health & Medicine* Mission is to promote social justice and challenge inequities in health and health care. The *Health & Medicine* Vision is a society free of social inequities, with a healthy population accessing high quality health care, delivered in comprehensive health systems by culturally competent providers.

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