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CALIFORNIA LAUNCHES HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE DATABASE
Employment trends among registered nurses and doctors available

Sacramento – For the first time, Californians will have access to a one-stop source of healthcare workforce employment and education data trends through the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's (OSHPD) Healthcare Workforce Clearinghouse. The Healthcare Workforce Clearinghouse can be found at www.oshpd.ca.gov/clearinghouse.

The first phase of the new Healthcare Workforce Clearinghouse allows users to access data and reports on the number of California health providers by occupation and geographic area. This is especially important to track, as demand for such professionals is expected to increase with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

"Many people in government and private nonprofit organizations need access to the type of timely and user friendly data that OSHPD is making available," said OSHPD Director Robert P. David. "Accurate information on the health workforce will be vitally important as we plan to meet California's future healthcare needs."

Some examples from the database include:

- About 130,440 physicians and surgeons are currently licensed in California.
- About 43 percent of active physicians are primary care doctors who specialize in family practice, general medicine, internal medicine or general pediatrics.
- There are about 330,943 registered nurses with active licenses residing in California.

Reports can be produced by identifying the gender of healthcare providers by occupation, age, race, ethnicity, and languages spoken. Clearinghouse data sources include Board of Registered Nursing, the California Medical Board, California Department of Public Health and Employment Development Department, among others.

OSHPD is a leader in collecting and disseminating data about California's healthcare infrastructure, promoting an equitably distributed healthcare workforce, and publishing valuable information about healthcare outcomes. The Clearinghouse is administered by OSHPD's Healthcare Workforce Development Division, whose mission is to collect, analyze, and publish information on the educational and employment trends for healthcare occupations in the State.

