

Chicago, IL – August 28, 2010.

The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) will host its first Filipino Community Health Forum on Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This educational and interactive event will take place at the ground floor auditorium of Weiss Memorial Hospital, located at 4646 North Marine Drive in Chicago. This event is part of Filipino American History Month activities in the Chicagoland area and is free to attend and open to the public.

At the health forum, FACHIC will present findings of the Filipino American Senior Health Assessment, a pilot community health survey of Filipino and Filipino American seniors conducted between 2008 and 2010. A panel of respected health professionals and community leaders will lead discussion on the key community health problems. Attendees will be encouraged to voice their health concerns and propose solutions in a town hall meeting format. Healthy, light refreshments will be served and free health information and door prizes will be available.

There is limited free street parking around Weiss Memorial Hospital and garage parking is available at a discounted rate. Weiss Memorial Hospital is accessible by CTA Red Line, half a mile east of the Wilson stop or via CTA Bus routes #81 and #145. Carpool/shuttle service may be available from the Jose Rizal Center and other locations. Please call (312) 962-7748 or email info@fachic.org for more information.

FACHIC is a collaborative of community, health professional, and academic leaders united to address Filipino health issues in the Chicago area. Its mission is to increase awareness of Filipino health disparities and to implement health interventions and educational programming to improve the health status of the Filipino community. FACHIC obtained its 501(c)(3) status in October 2009. All FACHIC programs and services are free and available to all.

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