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ROADMAPS TO COVERAGE Exploring Options for the Uninsured

Rising unemployment, persistent double-digit increases in health premiums and record state budget deficits are only the latest in a wide array of barriers that are keeping tens of millions of Americans from getting health insurance coverage.

Interest in incremental public and private steps to reduce the number of uninsured continues to be high. Beyond that, a number of prominent analysts have been developing possible paths to making wholesale changes in the current system. The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), through its *Covering America* project, tapped the country's top thinkers across the political spectrum to find both visionary and practical ways to cover the uninsured.

Three promising approaches emerging from the "Covering America" project will be described and discussed at a May 19 luncheon briefing sponsored by the Alliance for Health Reform and ESRI. Panelists will be: **Elliot Wicks** of ESRI, **Len Nichols** of the Center for Studying Health System Change, and **Tom Miller** of the Cato Institute. **Uwe Reinhardt** of Princeton University and **Robert Helms** of the American Enterprise Institute will comment on the proposals. **Ed Howard** of the Alliance will moderate the discussion.

WHEN: **Monday, May 19, 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. (Lunch available at noon)**

WHERE: **Room G-50, Dirksen Senate Office Building**

RSVP: *By 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. Fax the attached form to 202/789-2233, phone 202/789-2300 or register online at www.allhealth.org. Seating is limited.*