FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 9, 2008

CONTACT: Patrick Sullivan
(916) 326-3600

CALIFORNIA AWARDS MORE THAN $2.7 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE
WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) today announced awards of more than $2.7 million to twenty-six family practice residency training programs. The awards are administered through OSHPD’s Song-Brown Program.

"The Song-Brown Program has a 35 year history of providing needed funds to expand family practice residency programs located throughout California," said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle. "These programs help improve access to care in rural and low-income urban communities across California."

The following family practice residency training programs received awards:

- Glendale Adventist Medical Center: $51,615
- Kaiser Permanente – Orange: $51,615
- Loma Linda University: $51,615
- Long Beach Memorial: $51,615
- Northridge Hospital Medical Center: $51,615
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center: $51,615
- Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital: $51,615
- San Jose – O’Connor Hospital: $51,615
- Santa Rosa Family Medicine: $51,615
- USC-California Hospital Medical Center: $51,615
- Downey Regional Medical Center: $68,820
- UCSF – San Francisco General Hospital: $68,820
- Contra Costa County Health Services: $86,025
- Mercy Medical Center, Merced: $86,025
- Natividad Medical Center: $86,025
- UC Davis: $86,025
- UC Irvine: $86,025
- UC Los Angeles: $86,025
- Harbor – UCLA Medical Center: $103,230
- Stanislaus Family Medicine: $103,230
- UCSD Combined Family Medicine – Psychiatry: $137,640
- Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista: $154,845
- Riverside County Regional Medical Center: $189,255
- County of Ventura: $240,870
- UCSF - Fresno: $240,870
- White Memorial Medical Center: $361,305
Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown Program has awarded more than $15 million in capitation awards to family practice residency training programs.

The Song-Brown Program was established by the Health Care Workforce Training Act to increase the number of family practice physicians, family nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians. For more information about the Song-Brown program, please contact the program at (916) 653-0733, or visit http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm.