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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**HHS Official to make Major Affordable Care Act Announcement in Charlotte**

*Alexia Kelley to tour and visit C.W. Williams Community Health Center*

Alexia Kelley, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at HHS, will visit the C.W. William Community Health Center in Charlotte to make a major announcement about how the health reform law, the Affordable Care Act, expands the footprint of community health centers.  For more than 40 years, community health centers have delivered comprehensive, high-quality preventive and primary care to patients where they live, and the Affordable Care Act makes a major investment in expanding their ability to serve patients. Kelley will tour the C. W. Williams CHC to see how patient care is delivered, and will make the announcement following the tour.

**WHO:**Alexia Kelley, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (The Partnership Center) at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

**WHEN:**             11 a.m.,   Thursday, May 3, 2012

**WHERE:**          C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc.,

 333 Wilkinson Blvd., Charlotte, NC, 28208-5631

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