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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO, FORMER AG DEL PAPA, HEALTH DIVISION PRESENT UNLICENSED HEALTH CARE ACTION PLAN**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, former Nevada Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa, and Dr. Tracey Green, State Health Officer of the Nevada State Health Division, today held a conference call with media to address unlicensed health care in Nevada and present the state's plan to combat the issue.

The report, called "Responding to Unlicensed Health Care in Nevada: A Plan for Action," is the result of over six months of collaborative efforts. The report provides details of the scope of the problem of unlicensed health care in Nevada, and includes a fifty state statutory review and proposed legislation for the 2013 Nevada Legislative Session.

"I am pleased to support this effort and hope more people will get involved in raising awareness of the issue and address it before others are harmed. It is a matter of public safety," said Masto.

"It was a pleasure working collaboratively with the Attorney General, law enforcement, licensing boards and the Latino center," said Dr. Tracey Green, State Health Officer. "This is just the beginning, but it is a great start. We are in the process of putting systems in place to respond to complaints and moving forward, we need to address new populations, policies and long term strategies for the future."

There are fifteen recommendations included in the report that provide steps that can be taken to concretely address the issue. The plan includes increased cooperation between Nevada's health and law enforcement communities and education of policy makers and the public.

The awareness campaign is made possible through a grant Mastro secured via a [settlement with UnitedHealth](#) and has been developed with the assistance of former Nevada Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa and the Latino Research Center of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Also, included is the final report of the Latino Research Center of the University of Nevada, Reno and access to all of the educational materials they developed as well as their recommendations.

"The UNR Latino Research Center is proud to have played a role in this project," said Drew Bradley. "We believe the public awareness campaign, NO a Los Médicos Clandestinos - Say NO to Unlicensed Physicians, has given people the information they need to make safe and informed decisions when it comes to personal health care."

This is an on-going project. An evaluation will be done after the 2013 Nevada Legislative Session.

The public is reminded that they can report illegal medical activity by calling Nevada 211 or via text message, by texting their five-digit zip code to 898211 (TXT211). Standard text message rates may apply.

People can remain anonymous when reporting but will need to include information on the activity being reported, where the activity occurred (address, date, and times), name of witness(s), name of the person performing medical activity, how you learned about them, and how to contact them.

To access the full report, visit <http://bit.ly/UnlicensedHealthCareActionPlan>. For more information on the campaign, including a summary of the report and educational materials, visit <http://bit.ly/NVAGUnlicensedHealthCare>.

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