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# Hepatitis C Legislative Awareness Day Briefing

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Legislative Office Building 711A

Opening remarks by:

**Assembly Health Committee Chair Richard Gottfried**

**Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski,**

The Assembly Member will be speaking in honor of his father, Assemblyman Kenneth P. Zebrowski who died from complications with Hepatitis C in 2007

Agenda:

Light fare and beverages available from 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Opening Remarks 11:45 AM–12 PM

Program with public health experts and stakeholders 12 PM–12:45 PM

Q & A 1PM–1:30 PM

**Hepatitis C is an urgent and neglected public health issue in New York State with more than 240,000 state residents living with chronic hepatitis C.** The number of people with serious liver disease from hepatitis, including cirrhosis and liver cancer, is expected to triple over the next decade and associated health care costs will rise exponentially if we do not act quickly.

African Americans and Latinos have disproportionately high rates of hepatitis C, with up to 850,000 African Americans nationwide estimated to be living with chronic HCV infection. About one-third of people living with HIV/AIDS are co-infected with hepatitis C.

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