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**Kaiser Permanente to Sponsor  
New Health Care Worker Education Initiative  
at the Community College of the District of Columbia**

**February 28, 2011** – Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States has awarded the Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC) a \$200,000 grant to provide health education and scholarships to students as part of CCDC’s Health Care Education Worker Initiative.

This new initiative will meet the needs of the local community through multiple approaches. It will prepare high school students for college success in allied health, nursing, or medical education through a summer bridge program. It will also help meet the immediate needs of employers and patients by training selected District residents in high demand health occupations, such as nursing, respiratory therapy, mortuary science, practical nursing, patient care technician, and phlebotomy.

Through Kaiser Permanente’s generosity, CCDC will provide scholarships to students to be applied towards tuition for allied health degree programs, patient care technicians, disability support technicians, and phlebotomy programs.

Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, CEO of CCDC noted, “we’re very grateful to Kaiser Permanente for this grant. These funds will be leveraged with funding from the Department of Labor for the Capital Health Careers program to increase the number of individuals working in a variety of health related professions. Longer term, we hope to be working with Kaiser Permanente to develop much closer job training relationships.”

“Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to advancing health care through education and training,” says Carrie Harris-Muller, chief administrative officer for Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States. “With this grant, Kaiser Permanente is addressing the critical need for qualified health care professionals at CCDC, and throughout the region, by investing in the education of future generations of health care workers.”

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*The Community College of the District of Columbia, a member of the University System of DC was officially launched in August 2009 to provide residents of the Washington metropolitan area access to affordable, high quality education. CCDC currently offers 23 associate degree programs, three certificate programs, 22 workforce development programs, and more than 1,000 continuing education courses. Visit [www.ccdc.usdc.edu](http://www.ccdc.usdc.edu) for more information.*