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**Healthcare Reform and Rhode Island:  
The Law, the Politics, and the Implementation**  
*A Half-Day Conference and Conversation hosted by the Pell Center at Salve Regina University*

**Monday, April 30, 2012**

- 12:30 PM**                      **Registration**
- 1:00 PM**                      **Welcome from the University**
- 1:05 PM**                      **Panel I: The Policy and Politics of Healthcare Reform**  
*What are the key features of the Affordable Care Act? What are they intended to do? How were they developed? How did policy and politics come together in the crafting of the legislation? What are the key political and policy issues today? What is the Supreme Court considering? How will it affect the debate moving forward?*
- Participants:**              Jordanna Davis, Senior Associate, Sachs Consulting\*  
Darrell West, Vice President and Director, Governance Studies, Brookings\*  
Linda Katz, Co-Founder and Policy Director, The Economic Progress Institute\*  
**Moderator:** TBD
- 2:15 PM**                      **Panel II: Healthcare Reform Implementation in Rhode Island**  
*While the national political debate simmers, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act continues. How has the law already affected the State of Rhode Island and the people who live here? What are consumers likely to see affect them in the coming months and years? How will the citizens of the state be affected by major changes from Washington?*
- Participants:**              Jane Hayward, President, RI Community Health Center Association\*  
Christopher Koller, Health Insurance Commissioner, Office of Health Insurance  
Commissioner, State of RI\*  
Peter Andruszkiewicz, President, BCBS of RI\*  
Dennis Keefe, President & Chief Executive Officer at Care New England\*  
Elizabeth Roberts, Lt. Governor of Rhode Island\*  
**Moderator:** TBD
- 3:30 PM**                      **Keynote Address: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse\***  
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse is a key player on healthcare in the United States Senate. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006, he is a member of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee and has made lowering costs and increasing the quality of care a priority issue.  
**Introduced by:** TBD
- 4:30 PM**                      **Conclude**