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**NORTH COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES  
Appoints New Chief Medical Officer**



**SAN MARCOS, Ca., April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013** - North County Health Services (NCHS) is excited to announce a key addition to its executive management team with the addition of Patrick A. Tellez, MD, MPH, MSHA as their new Chief Medical Officer.

With over 30 years of healthcare industry experience, Dr. Tellez not only brings a wealth of experience as a practicing physician but also comes to NCHS with a robust background in Health Care Administration. Dr. Tellez joins NCHS most recently from the Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN) where he served as Medical Director in the Denver area.

“With Dr. Tellez coming from a private, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), which so closely mirrors the structure of North County Health Services, we believe he will be a perfect addition to our executive management team” says Irma Cota, President and CEO. “In addition, his administrative experience with private medical group management will help advance NCHS in the era of healthcare reform” adds Cota. Prior to his last position as Medical Director, Dr. Tellez served in various medical leadership roles as Vice President of Medical Affairs of MedPlus, Medical Director & CEO of Cincinnati Group Health Associates and Chief Medical Officer of Mid-Valley CareNet.

“I am humbled to accept the position of CMO of North County Health Services and join such an accomplished organization. Especially during a time when health care reform is gaining such a palpable momentum, we have a vision of a more effective and efficient health care system and this is a great opportunity to lead the change” says Dr. Tellez.

Dr. Tellez graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and is boarded in Pediatrics and Immunology & Allergy with over 12 years of medical practice experience. He holds a Masters in Public Health from UCLA and Master of Science in Health Administration from the University of Colorado.

**About North County Health Services**

North County Health Services is a private not-for-profit organization that serves over 60,000 patients annually at 10 community health centers in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, Ramona and San Marcos, and through two mobile clinics. NCHS has been providing affordable, quality & comprehensive care to members of our north San Diego County communities who are uninsured or underinsured for over 40 years. Services at NCHS include pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, dental care, internal medicine, adolescent medicine, radiology, pharmacy and transportation services as well as community health outreach, prevention and disease management programs. We accept private insurances, Medi-Cal and Medicare. If you are uninsured, you may be eligible for low or no-cost programs based on your income or may qualify for a discount. For more information, visit [www.nchs-health.org](http://www.nchs-health.org) or call 760-736-6767.

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