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### **Live Broadcasts of KQED Public Radio's "Forum" at Bay Area Health Facilities**

**San Francisco, March 6, 2008** – This March, KQED Public Radio's popular call-in program "Forum" will highlight three current issues in health care: childbirth, prisoner health, and caregiving. Each program will be broadcast live from a Bay Area health care facility. "Forum" airs each weekday from 9am – 11am on KQED Public Radio 88.5 San Francisco/89.3 Sacramento.

The live broadcast events are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, and audience members are requested to RSVP by phone or e-mail prior to the event. Audience members will need to arrive no later than 8:45am.

The topics for the upcoming broadcasts are:

**Childbirth** with guest host Dave Iverson

*Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from Mills-Peninsula Health Services, San Mateo*

Women seem to have an enormous range of choices when it comes to childbirth today, decisions which are further complicated by debates over everything from breastfeeding to Caesarean sections. The process starts long before labor, with prenatal care and Lamaze classes. Forum explores the options including natural birth, hospital birth, and midwives, as well as insurance coverage and implications of routine genetic testing. A panel of clinicians and experts will explore childbirth options and how expecting parents can make informed choices.

**Prisoner Health** with guest host Scott Shafer

*Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco*

The opening hour will focus on the state of health care for prisoners both inside and post-release, including the cost of caring for an aging prison population. In the second hour, the discussion will focus on health issues for at-risk youth.

**Caregiving** with host Michael Krasny

*Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from Downtown Oakland Multipurpose Senior Center, Oakland*

Expert guests will explore the financial and personal aspects of caregiving and discuss resources for caregivers.

To RSVP for any of the events, call (415) 553-2119 or email [forumRSVP@kqed.org](mailto:forumRSVP@kqed.org). More information is available at [www.kqed.org/healthdialogues](http://www.kqed.org/healthdialogues).

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