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E. Richard Brown is the Director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, and Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences and the Department of Health Services in the UCLA School of Public Health.

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, which he founded in 1994, has developed into a leading national health policy research center and the premier source of health-related information and analysis on California's population. The Center conducts research on a wide range of health issues and provides extensive public service to policy makers, advocates and the media. The Center is supported by grants and contracts that total more than \$8 million a year.

Dr. Brown's research and publications cover a broad range of issues and policies affecting the access of disadvantaged populations to health care. His research focuses on health insurance coverage, the lack of coverage, and the effects on access of public policies and economic and market conditions. His work addresses disparities in health care and health status experienced by Latinos and other racial and ethnic groups, immigrants, the uninsured, and the economically disadvantaged. His and the Center's studies of health insurance coverage, uninsurance, and eligibility for public programs have been used by California's governors, legislative leaders, and advocates in crafting health care legislation and programs.

He is the principal investigator of the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), one of the nation's largest ongoing health surveys. CHIS uniquely provides statewide and local-level estimates for California's diverse population and covers a broad range of health issues, including health status and conditions and access to health care. Widely regarded as a state-of-the-art health survey, CHIS is nationally recognized for its inclusiveness of ethnic and racial diversity through sample design and linguistic and cultural adaptation of its questionnaires, its more precise measurement of health insurance and access to care, the broad array of public health issues it covers, its extensive formal structures for community participation in designing the survey, and its comprehensive and wide dissemination of results and data to diverse constituencies. CHIS data are extensively used by public health agencies, policy makers, advocacy groups, and researchers to assess population and community health needs and to develop evidence-based public health and health care policy in California.

Dr. Brown has been extensively involved in the analysis and development of public policies, with particular emphasis on health care reform. He served as a full-time senior consultant to the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform, for which he co-chaired the work group on coverage for low-income families and individuals. He has served as health policy adviser to two members of the United States Senate, where he was a Senate Fellow and developed major health care reform legislative proposals. He served as health policy adviser to the Presidential campaigns of Senator Bob Kerrey, then-Governor Bill Clinton, the late Senator Paul Wellstone, and Senator Bill Bradley. Dr. Brown also has developed bills in the California Legislature and advised legislative leaders on a variety of health policy issues.

He has presented invited testimony to numerous committees in both houses of the U.S. Congress and the California Legislature, and has provided consultation to many private, state, federal, and

international agencies. He has served on a number of study committees of the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council of the National Academy of Science. He was President of the American Public Health Association in 1996. In 2003, APHA awarded him the Sedgwick Memorial Medal for distinguished service and advancement of public health knowledge and practice. He received his PhD in sociology of education from the University of California, Berkeley.