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**U. S. Commission on Civil Rights to Hold
Briefing On Patient Dumping By Hospitals**

WHAT: Three panels, including advocates, practitioners, scholars and government representatives, will examine “patient dumping” – the outlawed practice of prematurely discharging indigent patients. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act requires Medicare-participating hospitals to treat emergency medical conditions regardless of a person’s capacity to pay.

WHEN: Friday, March 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time

WHO: Marilyn Dahl, Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Eileen Hanrahan, Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Civil Rights
Sandra Sands, Department of Health & Human Services, Office of the Inspector General
Staci Pratt, American Civil Liberties Union
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Brent Myers, The University of North Carolina School of Medicine

WHERE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Headquarters
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1150
Washington, D.C. 20425
Note that offices are accessed via F Street

Listen to the panels remotely by calling 1-877-446-3914, conference ID/pass code: 870-6209.

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