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SPEAKERS TO DEBATE HEALTH CARE REFORM AT ASN ANNUAL MEETING

April 16, 2009– At the 2009 American Society for Nutrition (ASN) Presidential Series Symposium focused on public policy issues, speakers will address health care reform in the U.S. and whether and how disease prevention methods can work in a new system. “Informing the Health Care Reform Debate: the Role of Science, Nutrition Research and ASN,” will take place Monday, April 20, 2009, 12:30 pm CDT, in the New Orleans Convention Center, Nouvelle C as part of ASN’s Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting. The speakers are Theodore Marmor, PhD, and Eric A. Finkelstein, PhD.

ASN President James Hill and ASN Vice-President Robert Russell will introduce the speakers. “With a new Administration that is focused on health care reform and supporting science, there is no better time to have this discussion,” said Hill.

Dr. Theodore Marmor is Professor Emeritus of Public Policy and Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the Yale School of Management and Dr. Eric Finkelstein is a public health economist at RTI International. Marmor, who has advised Presidents Carter, Clinton, and Obama on health care reform-related issues, will speak broadly about the current health care reform debate, as well as discuss the role of prevention and ways that research might inform the process. Finkelstein will use obesity as a case study to illustrate the challenges we face from an economic perspective in lowering our health care costs while improving health outcomes, and discuss what role the government can play in mitigating this public health problem.

If you would like to set up an interview on April 20 with Drs. Marmor or Finkelstein, please contact sprice@nutrition.org. This symposium was supported by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Kraft Foods, and PepsiCo.

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