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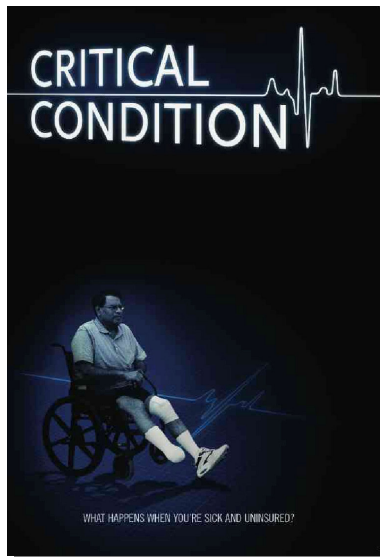
**Screening Event**  
at the  
**Council on Foundations  
Family Foundations  
Conference**  
**January 31, 2010** San Diego, CA

## Critical Condition

by ROGER WEISBERG

**Sunday, January 31, 2010 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

DINNER, SCREENING AND DISCUSSION, Fee \$50 NON-GFEM MEMBERS, \$35 FOR GFEM MEMBERS



We've seen how films like *An Inconvenient Truth* can dramatically shape public opinion and advance urgent policy issues. ***Critical Condition*** is essential viewing as the debate over comprehensive health reform remains center stage.

Meet **Dr. Patrick Dowling**, the Chairman of the UCLA Department of Family Medicine who appears in the film and filmmaker **Roger Weisberg** to learn how the documentary was supported in its development by the foundation community and how it has been successfully used as an education and advocacy tool.

First aired on PBS in September 2008, this powerful and timely documentary puts a human face on America's health care crisis by capturing the harrowing struggles of four critically ill Americans who discover that being uninsured can cost them their jobs, health, home, savings, even their lives.

Through the film's intimate storytelling style, ***Critical Condition*** lays out the consequences of an increasingly expensive and inaccessible system and humanizes the complex policy failures at the heart of our health care crisis.

Our special guests will update us on the status of the subjects of the film; they will outline the effectiveness of their campaign to educate the public and elected officials and move people to action; you'll hear from them about the unprecedented response from viewers who continue to post comments to the film's Web site; and they will provide you with insight on how your foundation can get involved and partner with other foundations to support essential media campaigns like this one.



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