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**PFIZER TO PROVIDE FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR HEALTHY
SAN FRANCISCO**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Today San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced that Pfizer will provide free medicines through Pfizer's *Sharing the Care* program for San Francisco's first-of-its-kind universal health care program, *Healthy San Francisco*. *Healthy San Francisco* provides accessible and affordable healthcare services to uninsured San Francisco residents. This extension of Pfizer's prescription drug program will apply to all *Sharing the Care* registered community health clinics providing access for Healthy San Francisco patients.

"Due to rising health insurance premiums and an increasing number of employers dropping health benefits, more people are turning to community health services for care," said Mayor Newsom. "Pfizer has proven to be a committed ally in our efforts to ensure that residents get the care they need, when they need it."

This program will allow patients who participate in Healthy San Francisco at *Sharing the Care* registered clinics to have access to free Pfizer medicine as long as they meet standard program eligibility criteria: Patients must be registered members of the health care center, have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and not have prescription drug coverage.

In his letter to Mayor Newsom, Pfizer CEO and Chairman Jeffrey B. Kindler congratulated the mayor on the success of the Healthy San Francisco program. He wrote, "Your program is an innovative model to address universal healthcare access." Kindler also said that, per the mayor's suggestion, he visited the North East Medical Services clinic in Chinatown. "It provided a vibrant and impressive illustration of your reform efforts," Kindler wrote.

About Pfizer Sharing the Care

Pfizer Sharing the Care (TM) is part of Pfizer Helpful Answers (R), a family of programs that helps people without prescription coverage save on many Pfizer medicines, no matter their age or income. People with limited income may even qualify to get their Pfizer medicine for free. Consumers without prescription drug coverage who need a Pfizer medicine can call the Pfizer Helpful Answers toll-free number, 1-866-706-2400, or visit the Web site, www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com. Pfizer Helpful Answers is a joint program of Pfizer Inc and the Pfizer Patient Assistance Foundation (TM).

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