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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE APPOINTS HEALTHCARE ACADEMIC LEADER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Brown Medical School Chair of Community Health Tapped To Pioneer Efforts in Improving Long-term Care Quality*

Washington, DC - The National Commission for Quality Long-term Care (Commission) today announced the appointment of Dr. Vincent Mor as Executive Director of the independent Commission. Dr. Mor, Chair of the Department of Community Health at the Brown Medical School, will direct the Commission in developing a national strategy to improve the quality of long-term care in the United States. The Commission was created to evaluate the quality of long-term care, and is convened and administered by the National Quality Forum (NQF).

"Dr. Mor brings a long history of health care study and leadership to the Commission which will be critical to our goal of developing a national strategy to address improving our country's quality of long-term care," said former Senator Bob Kerrey, co-chair of the Commission.

Dr. Mor has published over 250 peer reviewed articles and has authored numerous books and chapters on nursing home quality, hospice, physical functioning, long-term care and cancer treatment patterns among the elderly as well as the organization of AIDS health services. Dr. Mor is a fellow of the American Gerontological Society and is on the editorial board of Health Services Research.

"For the past 25 years, Dr. Mor's research has focused on integrating data from program evaluations and making real changes in healthcare policy that will lead to improved, tangible outcomes," said former Speaker Newt Gingrich, Commission Co-Chair. "Dr. Mor's expertise with these issues is central to the Commission's work."

Dr. Mor will continue his work at Brown University. Dr. Mor joined the Medical School faculty in 1981, received tenure in 1987, and was appointed chair of the Department of Community Health in 1996.

Dr. Mor has been Principal Investigator of more than 20 NIH funded grants focusing on the organizational and health care delivery system factors associated with the quality of health services for persons with chronic illnesses. He has had multiple grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Pew Memorial Trust and the Retirement Research Foundation, as well as contracts from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

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Services (CMS) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation to evaluate the impact of programs and policies in aging and long-term care.

Dr. Mor was one of the authors of the Congressionally-mandated Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Nursing Home Resident Assessment. He also directed the Brown University component of a CMS contract to develop and validate risk adjusted quality indicators for nursing homes that are currently being used in public reporting throughout the country.

He has been the recipient of many awards for his research in the field, including a MERIT award from the National Institute on Aging for nursing home organizational factors and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Investigator award for examining the influence of managed care and integrated delivery systems have on nursing homes and the quality of care they provide. Presently, he is examining the effect of state policies and market factors on the quality of care provided to nursing home residents throughout the United States. He is seeking to determine whether quality is worse in the states with consistently poor and disjointed long-term care policies.

Dr. Mor has been a member of countless Department of Health and Human Services committees including the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics and the Institute of Medicine Committee on Long Term Care Quality, the Advisory Committee on Health Services Research for the Department of Veteran Affairs, and is Chair of the Long Term Care Interest group of AcademyHealth.

The National Commission for Quality Long-term Care is a blue-ribbon commission created to evaluate the quality of long-term care, identify factors influencing the ability to improve quality of care nationally, and make recommendations about national efforts that should lead to sustainable quality improvement. The 15-member volunteer panel is a privately run, non-ideological, non-partisan group that seeks to improve the quality of long-term care in America. NQF, a private, not-for-profit, public benefit corporation that advocates for healthcare quality measurement and reporting, convened and oversees the Commission and provides staff and systems support, but the Commission acts as a functionally autonomous body.

The mission of the NQF is to improve American healthcare through endorsement of consensus-based national standards for measurement and public reporting of healthcare performance data that provide meaningful information about whether care is safe, timely, beneficial, patient-centered, equitable and efficient. Established as a unique public-private partnership, the NQF has broad participation from all sectors of the healthcare industry. Visit the NQF on the web at www.qualityforum.org.

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