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## **IFANCA® Talks about Halal Ingredients at Compassionate Care Network (CCN) Quarterly Provider Meeting**

**(January 28, 2011 -- Skokie, IL...)** The Chicago-based Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) will be talking about the halal status of ingredients on January 28, 2011, during the Compassionate Care Network (CCN) Quarterly Provider Meeting. The talk is entitled **Recommendations to Muslim Community about Halalness of Ingredients**, and will take place at Skokie's Holiday Inn Northshore.

Compassionate Care Network (CCN) was started in January 2004 to promote health awareness and to provide access to affordable healthcare for the uninsured. CCN is founded by local Chicago doctors, and has provided free monthly health screenings since its inception. CCN member are guided by the belief that access to affordable health care is a basic human right. Information of CCN's free monthly screenings can be found at [www.ccnchicago.com](http://www.ccnchicago.com).

Dr. Farhat Quadri, Director of Community Relations at IFANCA, looks forward to this educational session. "As a medical practitioner, it is important to know the dietary concerns of your patients," says Dr. Quadri. Dr. Quadri hopes this discussion can help CCN doctors understand the concern from pro bono patients with halal dietary values; as well as educate CCN's volunteer doctors on available options are present when prescribing halal medicines and vaccines.

The educational session will take place on January 28, 2011, from 7PM to 9PM at the Holiday Inn Northshore. The program also includes a presentation entitled **Observations of Cooking and Eating Habits in the Muslim Community** by Yvonne Maffei, editor of *My Halal Kitchen*; as well as some words from Syed Hyder, Owner and Director of Home Healthcare Renewal Services (HHRS).

If you are an organization, school or association that would like to have a similar halal education presentation, please email your request at [halal@ifanca.org](mailto:halal@ifanca.org). If you would like to ask a question from an IFANCA representative but cannot attend, email your queries at the same address. IFANCA.org is also a frequently sought resource, and IFANCA's Halal Consumer Magazine, Newsletter, and Educational Videos are free for the public's education.

### **IFANCA:**

Headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) is one of the world's leading and well-respected not-for-profit halal certification organizations. Featured in various media such as The Wall Street Journal, Prepared Foods, CNBC and CNN, IFANCA has been promoting halal since 1982. IFANCA was recognized in the "Best Halal Related Service Provider Award" by the Halal Journal at World Halal Forum 2007. IFANCA certified halal products are recognized by Indonesia (MUI), Malaysia (JAKIM), Singapore (MUIS), United Arab Emirates (GSM), and are sold in nearly every country of the world. IFANCA's halal certification expertise covers all food industry categories.

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