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**MEDIA ALERT**

Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
to Present \$1.8 Million Check to Pinellas County Health Department

Who: Rear Admiral Cristina V. Beato, M.D., FAAFP  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Health  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

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What: Presentation of a check for **\$1.8 million** to fund year two of the STEPS to a HealthierPinellas program

When: Wednesday, October 20, 2004 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Pinellas County Health Department, St. Petersburg Center  
205 Dr. M.L. King Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Details: STEPS to a HealthierPinellas is a bold initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This five-year program aims to help Pinellas County citizens live longer, better and healthier lives by reducing diabetes, obesity and asthma.

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*The mission of the Pinellas County Health Department is to promote, protect and improve the health and safety of residents and visitors through public and private community efforts.*