Obesity is a serious chronic condition that continues to have a growing impact on our society, and carries with it a large number of related conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and more. Action must be taken to address this epidemic at all levels — individual, family, community, government, healthcare and insurance. To learn more about the disease of obesity, treatment options, weight bias, and more, please visit the Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) Web site at www.ObesityAction.org.

Questions?
If you have any questions regarding the above information or if you would like to receive free educational materials on obesity, please contact the OAC National Office at (800) 717-3117 or info@obesityaction.org.

References:
- Centers for Disease Control
- Trust for America’s Health
- Obesity Action Coalition

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ADULT OBESITY FACTS:

- Obesity affects more than 26% of Rhode Islanders.
- More than 27.8% of male Rhode Islanders are affected by obesity.
- More than 23.8% of female Rhode Islanders are affected by obesity.
- Rhode Island is ranked 40/51 in states impacted by obesity.
- The age group most affected by obesity in Rhode Island is 45-64 (31.4%).
- Rhode Island ranks 33rd in adults with Type 2 Diabetes (9%).

CHILDHOOD OBESITY FACTS:

- 12% of high school students are affected by obesity.
- Rhode Island IS NOT one of the 19 states that have BMI screening requirements.

NATIONAL COST OF OBESITY:

- Estimated cost of annual obesity-related healthcare: $315.8 BILLION
- How much more healthcare costs for individuals affected by obesity: 42%
- The direct costs caused by childhood obesity: $14.1 BILLION
- Nationwide annual costs due to obesity-related absenteeism: $4.3 BILLION