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AHNA Collaborates with Other Nursing Organizations to Urge President Trump and Congress to Make High-Quality, Affordable Health Care Access a Top Reform Priority

Patient-centered Reforms Should Ensure Patients Access to Provider of Choice

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) joined 36 of America’s leading nursing organizations, representing over 3.5 million nurses, to call on the Trump Administration and Congress to prioritize patient health and patient-provider relationships in any health reform proposals.

As lawmakers consider legislation to repeal, replace or fundamentally alter the Affordable Care Act, nursing organizations affirmed their shared commitment to advancing patient-centered health care and health care policies that reflect the following:

- Ensure patients have access to health care with affordable coverage options, regardless of pre-existing conditions
- Uphold the principles of inclusive essential health benefits, including providing patients with access to ambulatory care, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health services and addiction treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive services, wellness services and chronic disease management, and pediatric services
- Protect patients’ ability to receive health care delivered by the provider of their choice, including but not limited to advanced practice registered nurses, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, midwives and nurse anesthetists, and ensure that this care is covered by their insurer
- Maintain the nation’s commitment to strengthen its health care workforce
- Create greater efficiency in the Medicare system by removing barriers to practice and eliminate duplication of health care providers’ efforts.

We firmly believe that our shared commitment to patient-centered health care will advance the best interests of patients and the health of our nation.
At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This professional specialty nursing membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and integrative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 130 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.
Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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