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**HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCE 2007-2008
NURSE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM AWARD**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Foundation (ANF) and the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) have appointed their 2007-2008 ANF/AAN Institute of Medicine (IOM) scholar.

Carolyn A. Williams, RN, PhD, FAAN, professor of nursing at the University of Kentucky, will spend a year at the Institute of Medicine advancing the role of nursing in health policy.

Designed as an immersion experience to help nursing play a more prominent role in national health policy development, the program provides a year-long residency for the selected scholar at the Institute of Medicine.

Williams will devote her IOM residency to the study of “innovative inter-professional practice,” according to Margarete Zalon, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, President of the American Nurses Foundation. Synthesizing the evidence in this arena “is of critical importance as we make efforts to improve the quality of health care in our country.”

Williams’ long list of high-level professional nursing accomplishments “positions her to make full use of Institute of Medicine’s opportunities for enhancing the impact of nursing in policy,” Zalon said.

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Williams, a professor of nursing at the University of Kentucky, is a past dean of the university's College of Nursing. She earned her Ph.D. in epidemiology at the University of North Carolina, and has held numerous faculty positions at several schools. Special awards and recognitions include: receipt of the Distinguished Alumna Award from Texas Woman's University and the Alumna of the Year Award from the University of North Carolina School of Nursing. She served as president of the AAN from 1983 to 1985, and as president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing from 2000 to 2002.

For the selected scholar, the program includes resources to aid in research, and a two-month orientation in federal health policy formation. Williams' one-year residency through the annual program will begin in September.

The American Nurses Foundation and the American Academy of Nursing are corporate affiliates of the American Nurses Association. The Institute of Medicine is a corporate affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences.

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For over 50 years, the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) continues to be the national philanthropic organization that promotes the health of the public and advances the nursing profession. ANF as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, relies on support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and government agencies that possess a strong interest in advancing nursing's future. Contributions to ANF are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

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The American Academy of Nursing anticipates and tracks national and international trends in health care, while addressing resulting issues of health care knowledge and policy. The Academy's mission is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge.

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The Institute of Medicine serves as adviser to the nation to improve health. Established in 1970 under the charter of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine provides independent, objective, evidence-based advice to policymakers, health professionals, the private sector, and the public.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent member nurses associations. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

