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## **PETERSON NAMED DIRECTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE AND POLICY FOR AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** –The American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to announce Cheryl Peterson, MSN, RN has been named Director of Nursing Practice and Policy. As Director, Peterson will influence professional practice issues and nursing policy covering a broad range of health care settings, specialties, nursing roles and practice challenges.

“Cheryl Peterson has provided invaluable input to ANA on many nursing issues. She has coordinated ANA’s participation as a representative on several national advisory committees on subjects as diverse as disaster preparedness and foreign educated nurses. I am certain she will continue to be a strong advocate for nurses and nursing in her new role,” said ANA Chief Executive Officer Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, CNAA,BC.

In her role as Senior Policy Fellow in the Department of Nursing Practice and Policy, Peterson was responsible for policy development on issues related to the nursing workforce, and nursing workforce planning including disaster preparedness, bioterrorism, labor issues, international issues, and health and human rights. She has served as the U.S. representative to the International Council of Nurses.

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Prior to coming to ANA, Peterson served as a captain in the Army Nurse Corps on active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Storm at the King Khalid Military City, Saudi Arabia. She also held positions in the 350<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital, Canton, OH, and as Head Nurse of a Cardiac Step-Down Unit at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She has a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati and a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from Georgetown University.

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