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## **ANA APPLAUDS WORKFORCE SPENDING IN 2010 BUDGET**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) strongly supports the President Obama’s latest FY 2010 budget, which provides \$1 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) health care workforce development programs, and improves access to health care in underserved areas. The proposed budget includes \$263 million, an increase of \$92 million, in Title VIII programs to address the growing nursing shortage. It provides \$125 million, a 238% increase, to fund nurses serving in critical shortage facilities, supplies increased funds for scholarship and loan repayment awards, and adds an estimated 550 additional nurse faculty educators to ensure nursing schools have the capacity to educate and train the next generation of nurses.

“As we celebrate National Nurses Week, it’s heartening to see the Obama administration recognize the invaluable contribution that nurses make in the delivery of care,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “This proposed budget represents a substantial commitment to addressing the nursing shortage and ensuring access to care for all. ANA looks forward to working with this administration and lawmakers to achieve meaningful health care reform.”

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