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MEDIA ALERT: **ANA President Visits Akron to Speak Out on Urgent Need for Health Care Reform**

- WHO:** ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR; a native of Cleveland, Ohio, President Patton made this year's list of *Modern Healthcare's* 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and has appeared by invitation twice with President Obama at White House press conferences to support his administration's push for health care reform.
- WHAT:** President Patton will be speaking on the nurses' role in health care reform, and speak out about the grave concerns that nurses have about the nation's current health care system and how the health insurance industry's harmful practices are impacting patients in the state of Ohio and the U.S. ANA believes that quality, affordable health care is not a privilege, but a basic human right.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, December 8th, 2009; 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** The Akron Children's Hospital, One Perkins Square, Akron, Ohio, 44308. The event is located in the Considine Professional Building Auditorium.
- WHY:** ANA is a leading voice in the national debate on health care reform, testifying before Congress and working closely with the White House in advocating for meaningful health care reform. Nurses are the backbone of our nation's health care system, and they know that the need for health care reform is long overdue. Our nation's health care system remains in a state of crisis and now is the time to fix it.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (ANA):

The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. 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.

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