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**THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS PRESIDENT
OBAMA'S APPOINTMENT OF BERWICK TO LEAD CMS**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) applauds President Obama's appointment of Donald Berwick, MD, as administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Berwick, a pediatrician, is noted for his leadership in improving the quality of health care. He is currently president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, clinical professor of pediatrics and health care policy at the Harvard Medical School and professor of health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"From nursing's perspective, the appointment of Dr. Berwick to lead CMS is great news. Dr. Berwick is a visionary leader and a champion of evidenced-based practice who is known for his passion and innovation," said ANA President Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. "His appointment further demonstrates the administration's commitment to truly transform health care by putting patients and quality at the center."

ANA also commends the leadership of Marilyn Tavenner, MHA, BSN, RN, who has served as acting administrator of CMS. "We look forward to working with Dr. Berwick and his team to implement the provisions of the Affordable Care Act so that Americans can benefit from a system that is more responsive to their need for accessible and high quality care," said Daley.

CMS is the federal agency which administers Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. It has been without a permanent administrator since 2006.

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