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**ANA'S PATTON, OTHER NURSE LEADERS RECOGNIZED IN MODERN
HEALTHCARE'S 100 MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN HEALTH CARE**

SILVER SPRING, MD – Demonstrating the American Nurses Association's continued influence in shaping discussions on health care policy, ANA is pleased to announce that past President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, made this year's list of *Modern Healthcare's* 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare. Patton is one of nine nurses on the list, including Catholic Health Association President Sister Carol Keehan, SSM Healthcare President Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Health Resources and Services Administration's Mary Wakefield, National League for Nursing CEO Beverly Malone, American Organization of Nurse Executives CEO Pamela Thompson, National Federation of Nurses President, Barbara Crane, Director of University of Pennsylvania's Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research Linda Aiken, and American Association of Colleges of Nursing CEO Geraldine "Polly" Bednash.

More than 25,000 people were nominated by Modern Healthcare readers initially; the top 100 was decided by on-line voters over several weeks. Nurses make a difference every day in the lives of the patients and communities they serve. ANA is proud to see so many nurse leaders recognized, and would like to thank the nurses who showed support for their colleagues.

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