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## **HEALTH REFORM SIGNED INTO LAW**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the United States, was honored to be among the invited guests to be on hand today as President Obama signed health reform into law.

“ANA has long held the belief that health reform is a basic human right,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “On behalf of the nation’s 3.1 million nurses, it is extremely gratifying to see that right become a reality. ANA has been a strong and vocal advocate for reform that increases access to care, and focuses more on primary and preventive care. ANA is confident that this law is a victory for the patients we serve and is proud to have played a critical role in this historic accomplishment to increase access to safe, high-quality, affordable care.”

ANA encourages its members to continue the work on the health care reform effort through ANA’s dedicated Web page, [www.RNaction.org/healthcare](http://www.RNaction.org/healthcare).

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*The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 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.*